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Echockotee Lodge 200

Echockotee Lodge,

Thank you all so much for coming to the 2014 S-4 Section Conference!! Echockotee Lodge took the conference by storm showing up 494 members strong, more than twice as much as any other Lodge there! The event was a complete success thanks to all of you guys! Thanks to all of the chapters who did so much to help the conference from parking to water distribution and everyone in between! A few special thanks go to my committees:

Administration: Brandon Newell (Charimen), Don Royston (Advisor)

Facilities: Colin Duffy (Chariman), Chris Buery (Advisor)

Program: Hunter Barber (Chairman), Linda Visman (Advisor)

Shows: Austin Kriznar (Chairman), Nick Leonard (Advisor)

And my awesome and ever-encouraging adviser Marty Heesacker.

Additionally on Sunday of the conference, three Brothers of Echockotee Lodge were elected into section office:

Section Chief: Austin Kriznar

Section Secretary: Bryce Brandvold

Section Historian: Ethan Smith

Congratulations to you all!

Thank you once again for helping put on such a memorable conference and experiencing the True Meaning of The Arrowman Effect!

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Yours in Brotherhood,

Alex Leonard

2014 S-4 Section Conference Chairman



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Officer Reports

This past year has been an amazing experience beyond imagination! We have seen three great Fellowships, two awesome Service Days, and had an exceptional time hosting Section Conference 2014. Serving this past year as your Lodge Chief has brought memories that will last a lifetime, and I wish all the best to the incoming Chief. As we move into the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, it is clear to me, that the spirit of cheerful service burns brightly in Echokotee Lodge!

- Michael Simmons, Lodge Chief

E-chock-o-tee-ians, Summer Fellowship serves as the specular cap on this year for us. It has been a pleasure to carry out the duties of VCP for y'all. Looking backward, this year has been fantastic. Looking forward, Summer Fellowship is where Chapters and the Lodge hold elections for the coming year. Each position, from Chapter Historian to Lodge Chief each has its unique responsibilities. But all share something: anyone can run for anything. It does not matter what is on your sash or how long you have been in our Lodge, you are entirely eligible to go for Lodge Chief. So go big and get bold. The only way you'll have a chance to win is if you put yourself out there!

-Austin Kriznar, VCP

It was awesome finishing out this year as your Vice Chief of Training, and I encourage everyone that is eligible for brotherhood conversion to do so. If you have any questions about Brotherhood Conversion, or are interested in being a Brotherhood Instructor, please contact me.

-James Wisniewski, VCT

This year has been an amazing year, and it is all thanks to you. Echokotee is thriving and doing what it does best: being awesome! I would like to give a special thanks to the Chapter Chiefs, Lodge Officers, and anyone who wrote an article for The Feather this year for making it one of our best years yet. It was so great, The Feather/Fluffy won 2nd Place in the publications competition at Section Conference. It might be the end of this year, but the beginning of a new one brings in a new opportunity to bring home the gold for the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Not just in publications, but in everything. Let's go Echokotee!

-Josh Mintz, Lodge Secretary

It was a pleasure to serve this year as your Treasurer, there is still time to spend money allocated to your Chapter/Committee, so please use it to improve your program. If you are interested in Lodge Finance, give me a call or shoot me an email.

-Travis Duffy, Lodge Treasurer

I would just like to thank everyone who helped me out on the historical display. We won second place at Section Conference! I can't wait to see you all Summer Fellowship.

-Ethan Smith, Lodge Historian

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Officer Elections

For those Arrowmen that are under the age of 21 (and will remain under 21 for the duration of the term), at the Summer Fellowship you have the opportunity to be elected to serve as a Chapter or Lodge Officer for the 2013-2014 year. Each Chapter has its own slate of Officers that includes at minimum a Chief, a Vice Chief, and a Secretary; if you're interested in running for one of these Chapter positions, please talk to your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser.

During the Sunday Lodge Business Meeting, we will conduct the Lodge Officer Elections: Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Program, Lodge Vice Chief of Training, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, and Lodge Historian. In order to be eligible for election,

you must be nominated by a fellow Arrowmen during the Friday Lodge Business Meeting or the Saturday Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. Arrowmen are encouraged to campaign in a scout-like manner, but all election materials must be removed from Camp Shands before departure. Please do not use staples, nails, and the sorts for any campaign materials you hang up.

I encourage you to seek out the current occupant of the position you are interested in, and talk to them about the commitments involved with that position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Simmons
Lodge Chief

Section Conference Competitions

Congratulations Echokotee! We did a great job at Section Conference 2014 competitions:

1st place Inductions Competition

1st place Website Competition

2nd place Publications Competition

2nd place Historical Display Competition

Honor Preordeal Team: Cole Gabriel, Jonathan Mobley, Peter Wyckoff, and Trey Connor

Honor Vigil Ceremonialist: Michael Simmons.

Great Work!

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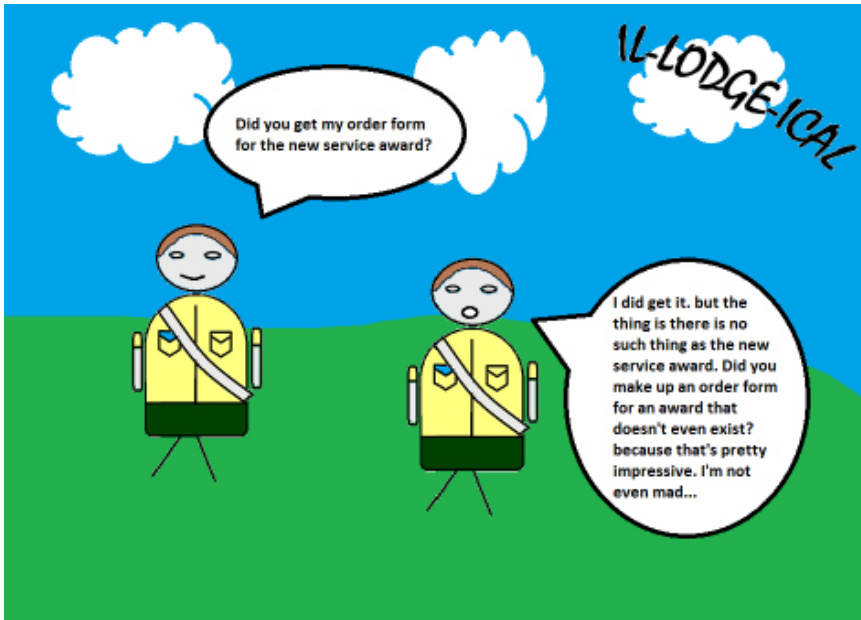
NOAC 2015

Get ready, because it's back: NOAC 2015! A week of awesome adventures and fantastic memories is here. Ask any Arrowman and they will tell you it is better than any Jamboree! NOAC will be held at Michigan State University in the summer of 2015, and it is worth checking out. With 10,000 Arrowmen gathering from across the country, greatness is bound to be there. From exciting games, to amazing patch trading, to exhilarating nightly shows, it is a nonstop week of awesomeness! And Arrowmen attending this already great event will receive a special edition inverted red sash with a white arrow! So sign up now and do not miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime!



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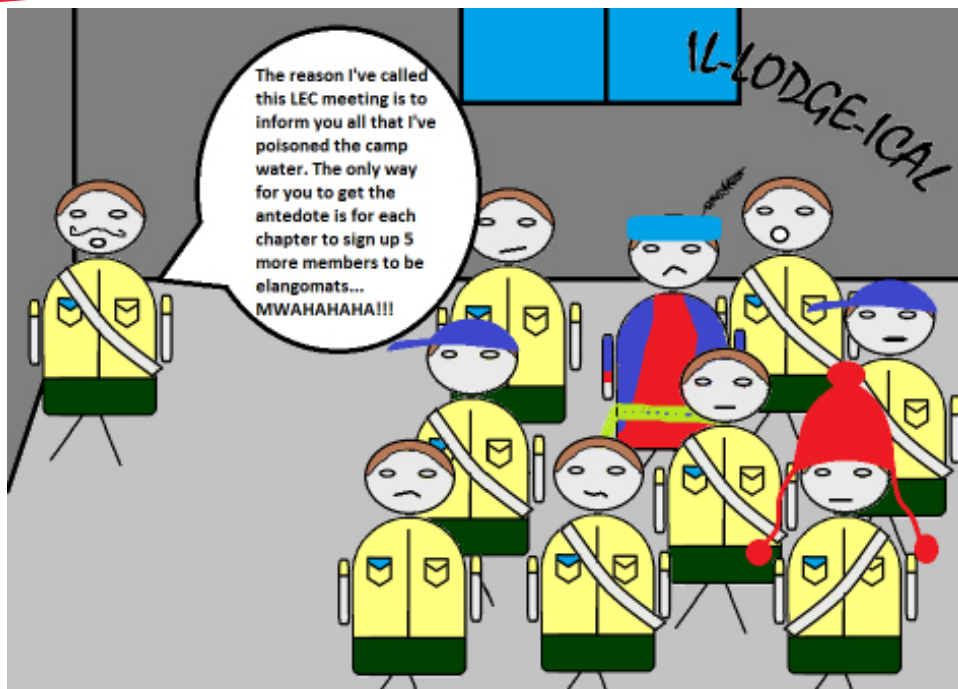
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Chapter Reports

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

Hello Echockotee! Apieka had a great time at Section Conference and cannot wait to see everyone at Summer Fellowship! See you then.
-John-Paul Keller, Apieka Chapter Chief

Oglala

Oglala had a fantastic time at Spring Fellowship and Section Conference! Thanks to everyone who came out to have a great time at Conference and help make it an amazing weekend.
-Jonathan Mobley, Oglala Chapter Chief

Onathequa

Onathequa Chapter had a great year and is excited for the next one! We had a blast at Conference and can not wait for Fellowship. Hope to see you there!
-Kyle Barker, Onathequa Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

Greetings Echockotee Lodge!

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 has been having a great time since Spring Fellowship. We inducted 12 new Ordeal Members, a Chapter best in several years, and had one Brotherhood conversion. While we were there our Chapter cleared brush from the campsites and trimmings from the trees in front of the Ames building.

At Section Conference we had quite the turn out with close to 20 of our members in attendance. This is almost double the ten attendees that were pledged to the Lodge. While we were there we worked with another Chapter and were responsible for hospitality.

Hope to see you all at Summer Fellowship.
-Jonathan Brescia, Oklawaha Chapter Chief

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Osceola

Osceola Chapter is doing great! We enjoyed Spring Fellowship and had a record number of Arrowmen in attendance. We had 27 youth, 10 adults, 7 new or-deals, and 6 brotherhood conversions. We are looking forward to helping out with the activities at Section Conference.

-Hunter Hayes, Osceola Chapter Chief

Outina

Outina Chapter is excited to host Section Conference 2014. Hoo-Haa we sexy!

-John Crittended, Outina Chapter Chief

Seminole

Seminole Chapter had a great showing at Spring Fellowship! We had a lot of new Ordeal Members come through, and we brought back some brothers who had become inactive while we were out doing all those Unit Elections. We have 34 Arrowmen signed up for Section Conference. Seminole Chapter is regaining strength, and hopefully will continue to grow and give back for many years to come. We are looking forward to a great Section Conference. Seminole Rising! Panthers Roar!

-Robert Landrum, Seminole Chapter Chief

Saturiwa

Brothers, Saturiwa Chapter is cruising through the end of this incredible year. Our Chapter had a blast at Section Conference! We are treating Sonic well and plan on keeping him at Summer Fellowship as well as adding other awards with him from the other competitions. Although our adviser will not be wearing a tutu at Summer, we have a few surprises in store and are already planning our Fellowship party now for our new Ordeal Members. Yours in Brotherhood,

-Zachary Morris, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

Timucuan

Timucuan had 27 people at the last fellowship, and were shooting for more at Summer Fellowship! We look forward to some awesome program at Summer Fellowship to wrap up an awesome year!

-Collin Bloch, Timucuan Chapter Chief

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2014 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
August 22-23rd, 2014	LLD	Camp Shands
September 26-28th, 2014	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands
October 17-19, 2014	Special Needs Camporee	SJRB @ Echockotee
December 6th, 2014	Winter Service Day	SJRB @ Echockotee
January 9-11th, 2015	Winter Fellowship	Camp Shands
March 6-8th, 2015	Spring Fellowship	Camp Shands
April 25th, 2015	Summer Service Day	Camp Shands