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

Summer Edition 2015

Section Conference Recap

By TYLER BOUDREAUX, SECTION CONTINGENT CHAIRMAN

Our lodge (which is the best) had a fantastic time at the 2015 S-4 Section Conference. We placed in ALL of the lodge versus lodge games! Even better, we won FIRST PLACE in tug of war! We completed our Quest for the Golden Arrow when we won FIRST PLACE. The more prideful award is definitely our great and mighty Chief Cole Gabriel earning our lodge the distinction of S-4's Best All Around Lodge!

I would like to congratulate all of the AIA dancers who competed in the plethora of competitions, including Team Singing, Group Dance, Fancy Dance, and more. Our Brotherhood ceremony team had a great performance, and Chief Cole Gabriel took home the distinction of the best Vigil Ceremony performance.

Special thanks go out to Section Chief Austin Kriznar and his crew of officers for helping Tipisa Lodge execute such a great weekend. Congratulations to Ethan Smith on being elected the new Section Vice Chief, Bryce Brandvold on being reelected Section Secretary, and Preston Richter on being elected Section Historian. We look forward to your leadership!

Because Echockotee Lodge is the best, we had the greatest time at the Conference. I would like to thank everyone who came out because you are all the reason we had a great time. Be sure to make plans to attend the Section Leadership Summit later this fall. Keep an eye out for dates and registration information!



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Brothers,

I have never been prouder to be a member of Echockotee Lodge. Over the course of the weekend of Section Conference, I had the opportunity to see a lodge come together in competition, spirit, and brotherhood. The moments shared with the lodge were truly extraordinary. Equally incredible, at the end of the conference, we showed our excellence with the wide range of victories we achieved. Looking at all of the awards we received, I thought to make a joke, "We have plaque upon plaque upon plaque. It's only a matter of time until it turns into tartar." Of course, there's nothing quite like a good dental joke.

Looking forward to our immediate future successes, Camp Shands will be a stop for ArrowTour 2015 on July 10th. This travelling event will showcase some of the unique history of the OA, have exciting activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary, and offer free silk screening and branding. In addition, we Arrowmen of Echockotee Lodge will be a significant part of this day by contributing many of our own programs and recognizing our Centurion Award recipients. ArrowTour is only one of the unique opportunities Echockotee Lodge has to show off its unique Arrowmen and programs. Coming up soon is the centennial NOAC, where Echockotee Lodge is sending over 100 delegates to the ultimate gathering of Arrowmen. The future of the centennial year is bright, and I am confident we will continue shining for the next hundred years.

Earlier this year, the lodge key 3 gathered together to look through nominations to recognize hometown heroes for their service to Echockotee Lodge and the North Florida Council. After clearly looking at the legacy left by some of our most notable members, we will proudly declare them recipients of the Centurion Award, a one-time recognition for those who have left a legacy of leadership and service, and made permanent improvements in our lodge. We will proudly recognize those who have created the foundation for the next hundred years in the Order and who will serve as a reminder for us to continue our efforts to create an even brighter future for our lodge and our community. I am honored to be a part of the 2015 S-4 Best All Around Lodge.

Yours in Witahemui,

Cole Gabriel

Cole Gabriel
Echockotee Lodge Chief



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Hello Brothers,
Echokottee Lodge stepped up to the plate at Section Conference, and I personally could not be more pleased with the efforts put in by all those who attended. We definitely showed the other lodges why WE are the best. Onward from Section Conference, we are looking at an awesome Summer Fellowship. If you are eligible, remember to sign up for the Brotherhood class in order to seal your membership in the OA! Interested in becoming a trainer? Space is now available! I wish all of you good luck as we approach finals and AP exams!
Austin Schwindt, Vice Chief of Training



My Brothers,
Bring your loaded dice and your poker chips because Summer Fellowship is almost here! The Las Vegas theme presents a lot to work with in terms of spirit wear, however, use your best judgement of what is scout-appropriate. I cannot wait to see each of you out at Camp Shands for another memorable fellowship.

On another more serious note, I want to share something I have been pondering recently. As the years have gone by, I have had mentors, teachers, and most importantly Brothers to guide me and push me along my way to become the individual I am today. They are as close to me as my own blood family. This Brotherhood of Cheerful Service has the potential to be whatever you make it. Your fellow chapter members can become extended family. I believe that each scout that joins and is a part of Echokottee Lodge should reach out to those around him and push them to be better; they should build friendships with scouts of all ages. With just a small bit of extra effort on the part of each Brother of our Lodge, the bonds we form will last a lifetime. Our service to our camp, our community, and our Lodge will be infinitely greater and more meaningful. Love your Lodge and love your Brothers.
Zach Morris, Vice Chief of Program



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Echokottee,
We had a FANTASTIC performance at Section Conference, with a second place finishing in the publications and website competitions. Interested in helping with publications, website, or even social media? Contact socialmedia@echokottee.org and let us know! See you at Summer Fellowship!
Kyle Kipple, Secretary

Hello Echokottee!
For all you Chapter Chiefs and Committee Chairmen, remember that you have money to spend! Your money can be used for anything to help enhance your program or activities. Check-request forms on the lodge website; please allow 15 days for your request to be processed.
In other news, the Echokottee Lodge treasury department is quite stupendous. At Section Conference, the funds allocated to Every Boy Deserves a Chance to help with vital improvements to our camp earned our Lodge with the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award! Thank you for continuing to invest in our Lodge. Besides that, we'll see you at Fellowship!
Jonathan Brescia, Treasurer

Check request forms available at

www.echokottee.org

Greetings Echokottee,
This has been a phenomenal year with many great achievements, including a third place in the King's Cup competition. At Summer Fellowship, I will resign to be able to dedicate more time to fulfilling my obligations as Section Historian. Thank you to everyone who helped build the display, helped me in my time as Lodge Historian, and of course all of the lodge officers for propelling me to new heights.
Preston Richter, Historian

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The Quest for the Large Patch

By An Anonymous Arrowman

On a night of destiny, otherwise known as the Saturday night of Section Conference 2015, two Echockotee Lodge renegades dared to do what no Echockotee Lodge members had done before. They were on a mission to push the limits of their clandestine skills and knowledge of people to go behind enemy lines to recover the Tipisa Lodge Section Conference Patch.

This was not just any patch, but the largest patch of the year, made out of special unknown, yet expensive materials. The patch was heavily guarded by over a thousand Arrowmen in attendance at the Saturday Night Show at the La-No-Che Council Ring. How were they to obtain the patch?

It was elementary, really. Zach Morris, your very own Vice Chief of Program, asked the Show staff members to bring him the treasured patch with a smile on his face and with a reason to "put it away safely so no one could try to steal it." Quickly, John Steinmeyer, your EchoShows Chairman, pointed the blacked out side of the patch to the light and the painted side to the darkness, to begin its journey around La-No-Che camp to Echockotee Lodge's campsite.

Zach and John carefully avoided every campsite possible, until they realized they were lost. They had not followed the scout motto and were not prepared with directions of where they were going. Zach walked into the nearest shelter and asked the friendly Aal-Pa-Tah's how to get back to camp. They didn't even catch a single glimpse of John with a huge patch in his hands. John skillfully navigated through the shadows, while Zach continued to obtain instructions on how to get back to camp.

By the time John the Clever and Zach the Brave had gotten back to the Echockotee Lodge Base Camp they had become Section Conference legends for obtaining the section patch with

the simplest and most ridiculous scheme ever. Thus goes the story of how John Steinmeyer the Clever spent his final Section Conference night as a youth and Zach Morris the Brave braved the elements and took the 2015 Conference patch. NOTE: the Section Conference patch was not harmed and was returned safely before the Sunday business meeting.





Spring Fellowship Recap

By *KYLE KIPPLE, LODGE SECRETARY*

Spring Fellowship was a root-tootin' good time. We inducted over 120 new Ordeal Members: congratulations! In addition, there were a vast amount of Arrowmen seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood training. In the end, only one chapter could stay atop the rest, and with a combination of active service participation, attendance at games and program, and great spirit, cheers, and attitude, Apieka took home Sonic! Who will compete with them for the top spirit token in all the land? Summer Fellowship is May 15-17, and the theme is Las Vegas. We'll see you there!

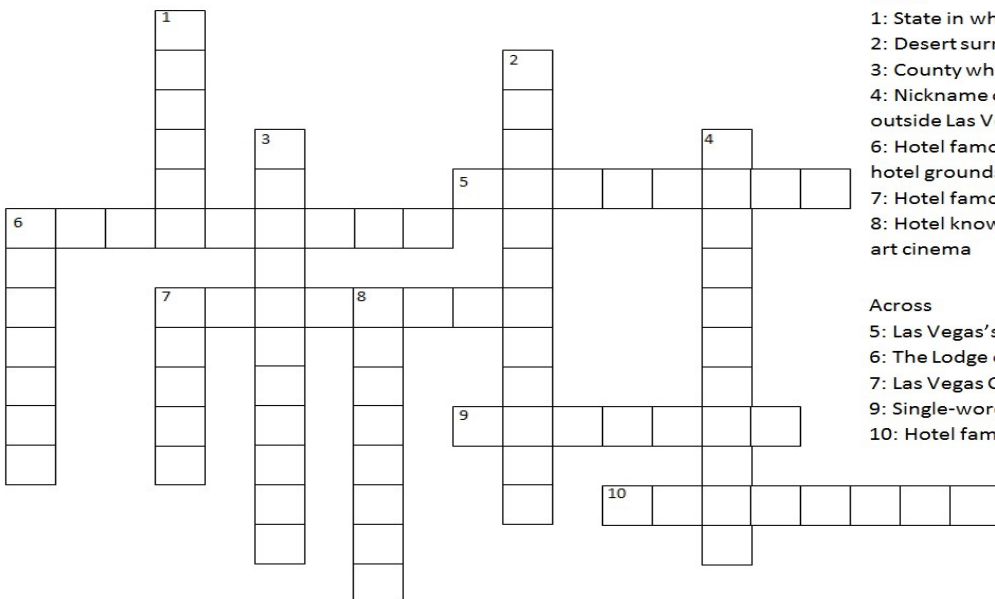
Echokotee Lodge Recognitions

By *COLE GABRIEL, LODGE CHIEF*

As the year has progressed, Echokotee Lodge has continued to achieve. Last month, the National Order of the Arrow committee has recognized Echokotee Lodge with the Order of the Arrow Innovation Award. This award is given annually to a total of eight lodges, two in each region. The nation now recognizes us as one of the most innovative lodges, which is an incredible honor.

At our Section Conference in April, our lodge was recognized as the Best All Around Lodge in Section SR-4. In addition, we had an excellent Brotherhood ceremony team, won first place in the Vigil Honor ceremony competition, placed second in both publications and website, placed third in King's Cup, placed in all lodge vs. lodge competitions (including first in tug of war), and won the Quest for the Golden Arrow.

Echokotee Lodge is going nowhere but up, and I'm glad that each one of us has the opportunity to contribute to our incredible presence. Let us all focus on continuous improvement, innovation, and cheerful service as we continue our tenure within the incredible organization that is the Order of the Arrow. Thank you, and congratulations Echokotee Lodge!



Down

- 1: State in which Las Vegas is located
- 2: Desert surrounding Las Vegas
- 3: County where Las Vegas is located
- 4: Nickname of the street containing hundreds of stores outside Las Vegas
- 6: Hotel famous for the roller coaster contained within the hotel grounds
- 7: Hotel famous for its pyramidal shape
- 8: Hotel known for its large gambling center and state of the art cinema

Across

- 5: Las Vegas's #1 source of money
- 6: The Lodge of Greater Las Vegas Council
- 7: Las Vegas City's water source
- 9: Single-word phrase found on the entrance sign to Las Vegas
- 10: Hotel famous for its water display

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Chapter Reports

Apieka

Apieka is having a blast this year and is ready for the fast approaching NOAC 2015. We had an amazing time at Spring Fellowship and even managed to bring home Sonic! We're planning on having even more fun at Summer Fellowship in Vegas. With less than 5 months to spare, we are eagerly awaiting NOAC 2015 in August. Keep on being amazing Echockotee!

-Jonathan Gitzendanner, Apieka Chapter Chief

Oglala

Hello Echockotee! Oglala Chapter had a fantastic time at the Spring Fellowship! With all the service, games, great spirit, and fellowship, everyone had to enjoy themselves. We especially had a great time on our journey across Camp Shands during the rigorous Baden Powell marathon which I myself participated in. For the Dallas theme, Oglala Chapter wore large straw cowboy hats and red neckerchiefs. We are very excited for the upcoming Summer Fellowship where we plan to have even more attendance, spirit and competition!

-Daniel Fisher, Oglala Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

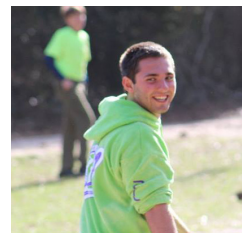
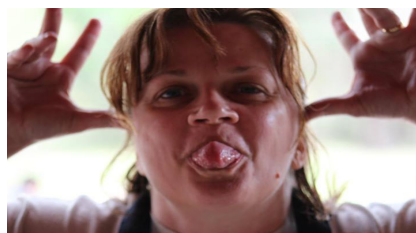
Our chapter had an absolute "rooty-tootin" time at Spring Fellowship! We came, we mooed, and we left. Anyways, we had a great time at this year's centennial S-4 Section Conference! We are preparing for a chapter service project coming up soon. To help with our JTE requirements. As a chapter, my fellow officers and I have been working very hard to help boost chapter membership, attendance, and all in all, spirit. Ducks always go quack! I will see all of you at Summer Fellowship!

-Matt Waeltz, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

Onathequa

Onathequa Chapter was proud to hold our first ILST training for our district last month. We had many of the troops in our district represented at the training. We are growing as a chapter with several new members going through their Ordeal and Brotherhood at the Spring Fellowship. We are looking forward to our annual conch craziness camping trip in the Keys that will take place in May.

-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

Saturiwa

Saturiwa has been doing great since the last time we met! We had a blast at Spring and are looking forward to that again at Summer Fellowship. We have been planning some awesome things for the Las Vegas theme in hopes to win Sonic back at Summer Fellowship. As a chapter, we are going strong as we progress through the year. As always, PLANET!!!

-Justin Cowell, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

Osceola

Osceola is doing great! One of the goals that we are working on is retaining our membership. We plan on bringing lots of people with spirit to Summer Fellowship and can't wait for some cheerful service. We are done with our new website and almost done with our publication. I look forward to seeing some of you at Summer Fellowship and Service Day! It's going to be a great year.

-Zachary Brandvold, Osceola Chapter Chief

Seminole

Hello Echokotee! Seminole Chapter had an EPIC weekend at the Spring Fellowship! We had a ton of fun at the games, and also during the service. We had a fairly large attendance, and lots of participation in the games and events. We all had an epic time, and hope to see you all at Summer Fellowship!

-Griffen Walters, Seminole Chapter Chief

Timucuan

Since Spring Fellowship we have completed all of our elections by the end of March. We also finished our call out ceremony at our annual merit badge fair and ran a Baden Powell program for the new scouts. We are excited about our new members and are doubling down at Summer Fellowship!

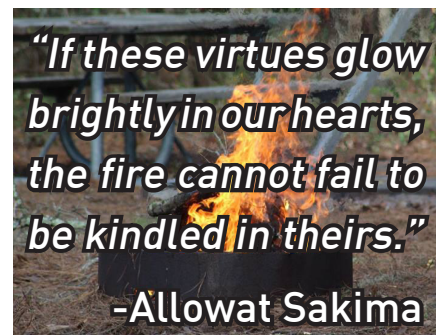
-Brian Reed, Timucuan Chapter Chief

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Apieka:	APIEKA
Elemukulek:	DUCKSGO
Oglala:	OGLALA
Oklawaha:	FENIX
Onathequa:	OWL200
Osceola:	OSCEOLA200
Saturiwa:	PLANET
Seminole:	PANTHERSROAR
Timucuan:	BUFFITUP

ARROWTOUR Coming to Camp Shands on Friday, July 10th, 2015...

Echokotee Lodge is honored to present ArrowTour, a program that will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order's Centuries of Service, both past and future. It's here for one day only, so don't miss out on this amazing experience!



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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
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
October 16-18, 2015	Special Needs Camporee	SJRB @ Echokotee
December 5, 2015	December Service Day	SJRB @ Echokotee
January 8-10, 2016	Winter Fellowship	Camp Shands