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## Summer 2017

### Summer Fellowship 2017

By: Nick Chitty

Are you prepared for some of the most exciting activities abound in the wilderness of one of the most diverse continents in the world? Are you prepared to go swimming in the Nile? Are you prepared to brave the elements at Summer Fellowship? We have all kinds of fun activities planned for your African safari here at Camp Shands for fellowship. Like last year, we will have the pool open, so make sure you bring a bathing suits for some African aquatics themed games! Your lodge leadership has been working tirelessly to bring you a fun and adventure-filled fellowship that I personally invite you to attend. Please make sure to sign up, and join us in brotherhood, cheerfulness and service with a weekend full of fun.

### OA High Adventure

By: Matthew Waeltz

Did you know the Order of the Arrow has high adventure? Across the four high adventure bases, these are four amazing trips to go on with you and your brothers! Echockotee lodge has sent members in the past to OA trail crew at Philmont Scout Ranch. This absolutely amazing experience takes you on a two week excursion to the ranch with your brothers. For the first week, you will be servicing trails as legacy projects, to help future hikers and campers. Then, after the service, get ready for the adventure to fill a lifetime! You have your choice of one of the many trails to go on at Philmont Scout Ranch, and you get to go on an actual Philmont trek! How cool is that? OA high adventure is a great way for our lodge to get involved in the outdoors, while at the same time keeping true to our principals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

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Brothers,

Summer is the air and that means Echockotee is in full swing. By the time you are reading this we will have already had our Section Conference and our Spring Service day will have happened or be coming close. I know no matter what that Section conference and if you weren't there then I would really recommend you come to the 2018 Section Conference. Moving on to Service Day, this event will also be a blast. There is nothing more fulfilling than doing cheerful service for our council. Also remember, LODGE POLOS ARE AVAILABLE AT SERVICE DAY. (Don't worry, if you can't/couldn't make it they will be available for pick-up at Summer Fellowship).

Now on to the main event. The one we have all been looking forward to. Summer Fellowship. I personally guarantee Summer Fellowship will be a ton of fun. We have some crazy games and activities prepared for all of you. (Do make sure you bring your bathing suit!). I am so excited for Service and fun at our own lovely Camp Shands. Also remember if you are brotherhood eligible this is the perfect fellowship to come and seal your membership. Instead of being out in that lovely Florida sun, you will be learning about what it truly means to be a brother of Echockotee Lodge and of the Order of the Arrow. Oh and did I mention you're in the AC while learning this. Now that's not a bad gig. So grab your trunks, all your African spirit gear and meet me out for some great fun under the Sun. Until then, stay classy Echockotee Lodge!



Yours in Brotherhood,

*Austin Schwindt*

Austin Schwindt  
Echockotee Lodge Chief



Bradley Hight  
Lodge Vice Chief Of Program

I am super excited to see all of you in the great African Sahara, and a hot day in the summers of Africa sure do go well with some water. Make sure you all bring a bathing suit and everything you need to get in the local watering hole and cool off after a long day of service. Also make sure you keep your ears open for any info about the swimming requirements in any of our social outlets. Can't wait to see you all there!

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Wyatt Wiltse  
Lodge Vice Chief Of Administration

Habari Echocottee,  
I want to see everyone at Summer Fellowship, it is going to be hot just like the sahara so if you still need to go through Brotherhood then now is the perfect oppuritunity! Our brotherhood training is the best in the entire nation! You will not find a better trainer than your very own Daniel Fisher. Thank you for coming out to beautiful Camp Shands and I look foward to seeing everyone at fellowship!

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Matthew Waeltz  
Lodge Secretary

Spring Fellowship was such a huge success. So much so that I felt generally uneasy that so much was going right! I love the cohesiveness and spirit of our lodge, and how much we work together to acheive our goals. I love seeing the healthy chapter competition, and all in all, the spirit for our order. I want to see everyone, yes, this means you reading this, out at Summer Fellowship! Get registered, don't miss out on all the fun!

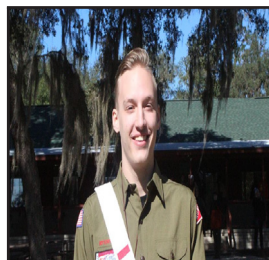
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Jackson Alexander  
Lodge Treasurer

I would like to welcome all new ordeals into our order, and our lodge. We have been having an exciting and productive year. Our performance at Section Conference and April Service Day were both stellar, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for us. I would like to remind all chapters and committees to please use their budgeted funds. If you have any questions about your budget, feel free to contact me!

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David Gabriel  
Lodge Historian

I would like to thank everybody who came out to Section Conference and helped with Echocottee Lodge's Kings Cup display. I look forward to seeing everybody at Sprig Fellowship in their best and most appropriate themed Africa clothes and costumes. Be ready for a great fellowship, and smile for the camera! If you'd like to work with me recording our lodge's history, shoot me an email at [DavidAgabriel@gmail.com](mailto:DavidAgabriel@gmail.com). Get ready for a great fellowship!

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## Committe Spotlight

If Echockotee is known for one thing (besides being the best in S-4) is definitely our EchoShows. The current chairman Justin Hiller is excited to serve the lodge in this position. "It gives me an opportunity to give back to the lodge and help store the Echockotee's history of events." The EchoShows committee works at lodge events putting together videos that cover all sorts of things that happened at that event. Echoshows stretches from having fun, exciting videos to a more serious tone. The video "50 Years From Now" from Fall Fellowship 2015 takes a more serious route, asking the question, "What keeps you coming back?". If you want to joining EchoShows, "Come on out!" says Justin. No prior technical experience is required, all training will be done by current committee members. EchoShows is a fantastic committee that is specific to our lodge, and takes a new turn on how our lodge records the fun we have at events.

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## African Trivia: True or False?

1. Kilimanjaro is Africa's highest mountain. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Nigeria is a member of OPEC. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Nile river flows South. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The largest city in Africa is Cairo. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) The worlds largest desert, the Sahara, is located in the south of the continent. \_\_\_\_\_



## Spring Fellowship Recap

In case you missed it, here are some of the best visuals of the awesome things we did at Spring Fellowship 2017. Don't miss out on the fun, or the chance to be in a picture! Register for Summer Fellowship now!



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## Chapter Reports

### Apieka

What's up Echockotee! Apieka is so excited for Summer Fellowship, and ready to take on Africa. We had an amazing time at Spring Fellowship, having almost 17 new ordeals, and 4 brotherhood conversions. Apieka has been working hard to improve our social media presence, so make sure to follow @apiekachapter on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Keep up the good work Echockotee, we'll see you at Summer!

-Kile Melvin, Apieka Chapter Chief

### Elemukulek

Hello Echockotee! Elemukulek had a fantastic weekend at Spring Fellowship. We have big, and I mean big plans for Summer Fellowship. We have only six troops left for our unit elections and only 28 members dues paid in order to achieve positive growth. We have our Twitter and Instagram @elemukulek up and running again, so feel free to follow us! We are so excited for Section Conference and Service Day. I personally can't wait to see you all at Summer Fellowship. Ducks go quack!

-Ford Setzer, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

### Oglala

Hello Echockotee! At the Spring Fellowship, Oglala had 9 new ordeal members and 5 new brotherhood conversions. The Beavers had a superb time at the Spring Fellowship and we showed it through our spirit. Our spirit shone brightly at Spring, and we were able to take home the coveted spirit award, Sonic. We are pumped for Summer Fellowship and we simply cannot wait to show our chapter spirit again.

-Tyler Grogg, Oglala Chapter Chief

### Onathequa

Hello Echockotee and greetings from Onathequa chapter! This past fellowship was an awesome one for us! We had three youth and one adult complete their ordeal. Also, we had two youth complete their brotherhood as well. Since this past fellowship, we the chapter has been working hard to increase attendance at monthly chapter meetings and have had very much success. We hope to see everyone at Summer Fellowship!

-Jacob Gravel, Onathequa Chapter Chief

## Oklawaha

Oklawaha had a great fellowship. Everyone really enjoyed the theme and especially the themed food. I personally cannot wait to see what new theme ideas our lodge leadership has come up with for summer, and am excited to see you all there. We had awesome service and had a lot of fun with all the games. We look forward to seeing everyone in Africa this May at Summer Fellowship!

-Joe Veale, Oklawaha Chapter Chief

## Osceola

Hello Echokotee! It has been a wonderful year so far of service and brotherhood for Osceola Chapter! We are looking forward to a stellar year of fun and excitement (and hopefully sonic)! See you all at Summer Fellowship! Osceola how do you feel? FIRED UP!

-Ethan Griner, Osceola Chapter Chief

## Saturiwa

Hello Echokotee Lodge!  
Saturiwa Chapter Chief here, reporting in to let you guys know that Saturiwa has been doing amazing things in preparation for Summer Fellowship. It is going to be one of the best fellowships yet, and we are excited to show you all what we have planned. Our ceremonies team has been hard at work, doing ceremonies for different troops around our chapter, and inductions are going very smoothly! Numbers are looking good and our chapter morale could not be better. All in all, everything is going well and we can't wait to see everyone at Summer!

-Whit Hemphill, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

## Seminole

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Hello Echokotee, Seminole Chapter had an amazing time at spring fellowship. Section Conference was amazing and we are looking forward to have an amazing time at Summer Fellowship. We have had a great number of new ordeals and ordeal candidates this year so far, and hope to grow that number even more.

-Benjamin Altman, Seminole Chapter Chief

## Timucuan

Buenos Días Echokotee! Timucuan chapter had an excellent time this spring with all the crossover ceremonies, service days in Fleming, and Eagle Scout ceremonies we've helped with along the way. We are really looking forward to Section Conference as well as Summer fellowship and are gearing up to reclaim Sonic. Overall, the summer is looking pretty sunny for the Buffalos.

-Ricky Rubio, Timucuan Chapter Chief



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## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
May 19-21, 2017	Summer Fellowship	Camp Shands
June 17, 2017	50th Anniversary of Camp Shands	Camp Shands
September 8-10, 2017	NLS/NLATS	Fruitland Park, Florida
September 22-24, 2017	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands
October 13-15, 2017	Special Needs Camp-O-Ree	SJRB @ Echokotee