



# The Feather

Echokottee Lodge 200  
Order of the Arrow - Boy Scouts of America

## Winter Edition 2012

### Meet your Historian

By James Wisniewski

Hey Echokottee Lodge,

Most of you don't know me because I'm new, but my name is James Wisniewski and I'm the new lodge historian. I am a member Troop 169. I am ready to capture the memories of all the awesome things we do and to bring home the kings cup for the lodge. I am an Eagle Scout, an ASM for my troop, I attend to Frank H. Peterson High School, and I am an officer in Skills USA at my school. After I graduate I would like to be a history teacher and teach high school US history and AP Government.

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### Fall Fellowship Recap!

By KYLE GEARY

So as all of you are aware, we had our first Fellowship with all our new leadership on the Lodge and Chapter level, and it was a complete success. Echokottee had an evaluation by a team of Section S-4 Officers and Advisors and as expected, we thoroughly surpassed their expectations! Also, at this past fellowship an outstanding amount of service was done on the waterfront pavilion. All of our old folks, or as they like to call themselves, "age appropriate people" were up on the roof removing shingles and preparing for a complete re-roofing. And as for fun, there was plenty of it; Malachi Miller and his activities committee did not disappoint and made sure we had enough fun games and a 1950's Diner-themed Taylor to balance all that hard work with some fun! Lots of spirit was also shown throughout the weekend, but for being most consistent to the theme, having the highest number of people at activities and ceremonies, and showing spirit however they could, our Spirit Award, Sonic, went to Satoriwa Chapter this fellowship. Chapter Chiefs, that's what needs to happen for you to have a chance at winning! See you all at Winter Fellowship!

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My Brothers,

Ladies and gentlemen I would like to say congratulations on a wonderful Section Seminars. We absolutely blew the Section's mind with everything from the food to the shows! By the end of the weekend I got 0 complaints and nothing but praise and compliments.

Also, we've got quite a bit planned for the next few months. But the most important event is Winter Fellowship, or you may know it as LOAC. For those of you who are new to our lodge, this is our super fun fellowship with really tasty food, great games, some prestigious training, and to top it all off, no service. It is absolutely one of my most anticipated events of the year. And with the games, we'll be working on getting our teams set up for Section Conference so if you want to play for our lodge, find Kyle Geary.

Along with all that, we've also got some healthy chapter competitions for you all, including the bulletin board, publications, and website competitions. And it would be a great honor to see all of our chapters compete. For not only is it nice to see the members of this lodge have a lot of fun, but it also helps us with the lodge competitions at Section Conference. I want to prove to everyone that Echockotee Lodge really is the Best-All-Around Lodge.

But getting back to the important stuff at hand. Including all of the great fun at Winter Fellowship, we have a very long tradition in the lodge. As a part of the fellowship we will honor those arrowmen who have gone above and beyond the call of duty with the Vigil Honor. I cannot wait to see you all there my brothers, it will truly be a blast.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,  
Alexander Williams

## Winter Fellowship/ LOAC

By ALEX LEONARD

Come on out January 6-8, 2012 to be a part of the most awesome event of the year! With each chapter choosing their own theme, it is sure to be an amazing weekend! LOAC, Echocottee's Winter Fellowship, is also the only fellowship out of the year that does not require cheerful service out of anyone! In the morning, the Training Committee has put together some awesome hands-on classes and events. Immediately following training, we will be having Echocottee's annual "Committee Midway". So if you're interested in joining a committee and getting involved, this is the event for you! In the afternoon, we have some fun games planned to keep us going! And to top it all off, the winter fellowship is the Vigil Weekend! This means that an elite group of scouts and scouters will be recognized for their outstanding service by receiving the Vigil Honor. So on Saturday evening, be ready for some "good eats" and an awesome time, because the Vigil Banquet is not something that you are going to want to miss! I'd encourage you to be at LOAC 2012 because it will be the time of your life! And I guarantee, you will find something that is awesome!



## Section Seminars Recap

By: Brandon Newell

Thank you for all of the help and service that you provided both before and during Section Seminars. Without the dedication from our lodge this event would have been no where near as awesome as it was. I would like to make a special recognition for everyone on the Echoshows committee; the shows during the weekend are rumored, throughout the Section, to be the best that has ever been put together for Conference or Seminars. We truly showed this section who the best is, and furthered the greatness that is Echocottee Lodge. I hope to see all of you at the 2012 Section Conference.

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## NOAC 2012

By: Brandon Newell

NOAC 2012 is just around the corner and we need you to be with us at Michigan State University. NOAC, better known as the National Order of the Arrow Conference, has been a major part of OA activities

since the 1940's. Evolving from the first meeting of 2,000 arrowmen at Indiana University in 1948, the 2012 NOAC will have 8,000 arrowmen from across the nation. During the event there are multitudes of events. NOAC is the only non-stop OA event that takes place,

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If you are finding time for sleep you are truly missing out on some awesome events. From flash-mobs, to rootbeer festivals of 7,000 people and more patches than clothing, NOAC is the place for every arrowman this summer. The dates of the conference are July 30 - Aug 4, this does not include the side trips that our lodge is taking on the way home, including a Theme-park and baseball game. The price for youth is \$775 and adults \$875. These prices can still go down depending on the donations we receive and the money that supports the youth from the patch auction. This event is like none other in Boy Scouts, take advantage of the time you have. of service during the week-end.

Echockotee, partaking in cheerful service. Because the arrowmen of Echockotee Lodge love hard work we got a lot accomplished! We reroofed the chapel, built shelving, built and marked a nature trail, completed the ramp in front of the Ashley, cleaned the shoreline, removed invasive plant species, washed boats and fixed the fence at the Amphitheater. It's all in a day's work for Echockotee Lodge!

The volunteers at Service Day prepped the camp for district camporees and countless troop campouts. Also, boys and girls across North Florida go out to Camp Echockotee over the summer for Aquatics Camp and have the time of their lives. We are helping the camp look and be more awesome. We got a lot done to serve the thousands of people who

## December Service Day

*By John Batten*

On May 9th 1941 North Florida Council held its first ordeal with 36 candidates who helped make Camp Echockotee better. Many think that our service is just brush work but we do much more! Since May 9th 1941 our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service has been committed to making Camp Echockotee the best it can be.

On December 3rd 2011, 63 arrowmen came out to Camp



visit Camp Echockotee over the year. Thank you to all that came out, you guys did a great job!

Our next Service Day is April 28, 2011 at Camp Shands, can't wait to see you all there!

## Annual Patch Auction

*By Robert Mathis*

The Winter Fellowship is the time for Echockotee 200's annual patch auction. Proceeds from the Saturday Night auction are used to help defray youth expenses for the Lodge's contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Besides the fundraising for the youth, and a chance to acquire pieces for one's own patch collection, it is a fun time to watch the competition.

Lodge members are asked to help out the auction in two ways:

**DONATIONS:** if you have Scouting-related items that you would like to donate to be sold, please get them to Robert Mathis by Saturday afternoon. It is called a patch auction, but other items are sold as well (neckerchiefs, medals, uniform parts, mugs, etc). While most things will sell, "better" things will sell better, so recent district Camporee patches or extremely common items will be harder to sell than Order of the Arrow patches (especially from Echockotee or other nearby lodges), council shoulder patches, camp patches (from Shands and Echockotee), or Philmont items. Most items will be sold in a silent auction format, while the donations with the best potential will be sold in a live format.

**BRING MONEY\*:** with all of these donations, we also need buyers. Some items may

sell for a dollar, some may sell for more than \$100. So save your Christmas money, and bring it to the Fellowship (\* = money includes checks and credit cards, too).



## Get involved!

*By: Chris Faison*

If you have an interest in doing something within our lodge, there is definitely a place for you in one of the many committees we have here in Echockotee. Whether you like dancing, or editing videos, or performing in ceremonies, there is always a place for you in one of our committees.

If you are interested in finding the committee that is right for you, then come talk to any one of the lodge officers. We have an



extensive list of the committees that we have in our lodge, and we will be more than happy to point you in the right direction, and encourage you to get your feet wet in any one of the committees. Being a part of committee is a great thing, and it gives you the chance to meet new people and get involved.



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## Chapter Reports

### Apieka

By *MATTHEW FAUX*

Hello Brothers,

Apieka Chapter is doing well. We had a great turn out at Special Needs Camporee. We had three times more youth participation than normal. We are in the midst of our preparations for Winter Fellowship. We worked hard on our historical display on November 19 and our webmaster is currently working on revamping our website with new media. Our unit elections training went great and we are ready to tap-out some new candidates.

### Elemukulek

By *Austin Kriznar*

Hello Echockotee!

Elemukulek is having a spectacular year so far, and plans to bring it all for Winter Fellowship. Our event roster coming up includes our service day, Winter Fellowship, and District Camp-O-Ree. We look forward to the new year and what opportunities for growth and service it has for the Elemukulek Chapter. We also look forward to the things that

lie ahead for the lodge, and will be ready to help out where we can. If you are a member and you want to get back to helping your Lodge, Districts, Troops, and Packs, find out what is going on at our meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7pm hosted by Christ's Church (off of Greenland Road).

### Oglala

By *James Andrew Higbe*

Hello Echockotee Lodge,

These past few months Oglala has been very busy. We've had progressive Chapter meetings, assisted in the Special Needs Camporee, and hosted the Great Muskogee District Camporee. A BIG thank you goes out to all the O.A. members who attended these events, especially those at the District Camporee! I vividly remember our adviser complimenting the staff. "Best staff ever" is what he said. So, again, thanks to the individual staffers, it was a huge success.

Oglala plans on having a "fun night" for a future Chapter meeting. We will replace one of our normal meetings for a night at the "Skate Station" to test

our skills on wheels. It will be a blast!

One last thing, Oglala is rapidly gaining spirit in preparation for the upcoming Lodge events, so be prepared to hear plenty of Oglala cheers.

### Oklawaha

By *Peter Wykoff*

Oklawaha Chapter is building and moving strongly. The October Chapter meeting was a great hit, as we ate at CiCi's. Plans are underway for the Winter Fellowship Bulletin Board contest under the leadership of Storm McKinley - the Historian. The Chapter Officers will be working at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville on January 2.

Seventeen plus Arrowmen attended the Section Seminars in November. We hope to bring a lot of spirit for the Lodge! Thank you to the Arrowmen - Chris, Tommy, Peter O, Michael, Mrs Coutu, Mr Buddy, Mr Orde-neaux, Mr Pat, and Miss Susan, for helping out with the Special Needs Camporee at Camp Echockotee.

The November Chapter meeting was held at the Troop 380 Scout

Hut on Thursday 11/17. The December Christmas Party was held Thursday 12/15 at the Central Christian Church Family Life Center.

## **Onathequa**

*By Joe Sanderson*

Onathequa Chapter recently hosted one of the largest fall camporees in Suwannee River District, with more than 120 in attendance. The theme was "Shooting Sports", and overall it was a great event. Big thanks to Jim, Mary, and Chris Hume for coming all the way out to Fort White to help us. Our chapter meetings have been great; we have had an increase in attendance due to our new tradition of pizza. Our chapter meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake City. We all are looking forward to going to NOAC this upcoming summer.

## **Osceola**

*By CHALKER KINGRY*

Hello brothers of Echokotee! On October 21, Osceola Chapter had its annual Spook-a-ree and it was fantastic! Absolutely one of our best yet! Our fundraiser at the Spook-a-ree was a huge success. We have recently received our new Osceola Osprey t-shirt and are very excited to show them off at the Winter Fellowship. Osceola is getting ready for unit elections this winter and is anxious for new brothers and

arrowmen to welcome into this chapter. I can't wait for the Winter Fellowship chapter competitions and hope that we do well!

## **Outina**

*By Trenton Hagist*

Over the last three months the Outina Chapter has been very active each month. In October we hosted the activities for the Timucua District Fall Camporee. Participated in the November Section Seminar and in December participated at the Echokotee Service Day working on re-roofing the Chapel. We are looking forward to Winter Fellowship and hope to have higher participation than our last fellowship.

## **Saturiwa**

*By Bradley Phillips*

Hello Echokotee!!!! I hope you guys are having as much fun as we are. So far Saturiwa is cranking out everything is mass supply. We have new cheers, new members, higher membership at meetings, and some of the best organization and chapter officers the chapter has ever seen. Our chapter adviser offers great advice to myself, my officers, and the chapter in general. We are in a great place as a chapter and can only get better. Special Needs and Shawnee District Camporee went excellently with many members attending each event and we are planning to overflow the campsite with members at Winter Fellowship.

Hope to see everyone there.

## **Seminole**

*by James Bryan*

Hello Echokotee! Seminole Chapter has been having a great year. We had an awesome time at Fall Fellowship and, more recently, Section Seminars, which 5 of our members attended and learned a lot from. We also set up our usual bowling game at the Special Needs Camporee in October. Our monthly meeting time and location have been changed; we are now meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Dunn Avenue on the first Thursday of every month during our district's round table meeting.

## **Timucuan**

*By J.T. DAVIE*

Echokotee, The Timucuan Chapter is going strong. We had members volunteering at both Special Needs Camporee, and our district's Cub-O-ree. At Fall Fellowship, we had a great turnout, with members helping everywhere, from ceremonies, to the kitchen, to the dance team.





Editor: Chris Faison

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## 2011 -2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
January 6-8, 2012	Winter Fellowship Theme: Wacky Winter Jam	Camp Shands
March 2-4, 2012	Spring Fellowship Theme: 1970s	Camp Shands
April 20-22, 2012	Section Conference	Wallwood Scout Reservation
April 28, 2012	Service Day	Camp Shands
May 18-20, 2012	Summer Fellowship Theme: 1980s	Camp Shands
August 17-18, 2012	LLD	Camp Shands

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