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

Winter Edition 2015

100th Anniversary Opportunities

By KYLE KIPPLE, LODGE SECRETARY

2015 marks the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary. With a milestone this awesome, a plethora of events and special opportunities are available in order for Arrowmen to partake in the once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Celebration!

One special award is called the 'Arrowman Service Award,' abbreviated as ASA. As one of few that has been allowed to be worn on an Arrowman's sash, it is designed to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the esteemed principals of our Order. Another special award is called the 'Centurion Award,' which recognizes Arrowmen who have, either in the past or present, meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence for Echockotee Lodge.

ArrowTour is a regional program that will travel to select lodges across the country. Mark your calendars- ArrowTour will come to Camp Shands on July 10th! It will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order's Centuries of Service, both past and future. Last but not least, NOAC is the big celebration of over 10,000 Arrowmen throughout the country. The dates are August 3-8, 2015... don't miss out! With all of these special and meaningful awards and events occurring, be sure that you stay updated by visiting sources like oa-bsa.org, echockotee.org, and following the OA on social media!



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Echokotee Lodge,

I am astounded. Nutiket states in the Ordeal ceremony that Arrowmen are “elected as one who thought the least of your own interest while working for the good of your fellow campers.” Over the previous months, I have seen that Echokotee is no exception to this expectation. As a lodge, we committed 100 members to the 2014 Special Needs Camporee this past October. Our initial concern of only 19 registered members a month prior was, of course, proven to be unnecessary; after our Fall Fellowship, the number of registrations to this event increased exponentially, and we exceeded our goal by 75%. Our lodge had 175 members at Special Needs Camporee, which is unheard of.

The lodge was proud, the council and volunteers were thankful, but most importantly, we had the opportunity to make a difference in many young lives. We made over 100 children who may have felt out of place in their lives feel welcome on that day. We made them feel normal and wanted, gave them a unique opportunity which they may never have again. As a volunteer at this event, though you may have performed many labors that may have been undesirable, though you may have made sacrifices to attend the Camporee, I hope you feel, as I do that it was all worth it, because we made an incredible impact on our community that weekend. And that, my brothers, is what cheerfully serving in the Order of the Arrow is all about.

At the 2014 Section Leadership Summit this past November, hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, those in attendance sought to learn and understand how to rekindle the fire in lodges, chapters, and units. Though our fire burns brightly and cheerfully in Echokotee Lodge, there is still more that we can do to brighten the fires of our lodge, and within our individual hearts and consciences. As we continue our tradition of seeking to serve, progressing as a group and independently, keep an eye out for the incredible opportunities offered in the Order of the Arrow. Our upcoming Winter Fellowship may prove to be one of those incredible opportunities, and I hope to see you there.

Yours in Witahemui,

Cole Gabriel
Echokotee Lodge Chief



The Chief poses with some guests at SNC

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Dear Brothers,

We had a fantastic time at Fall fellowship but as the time moves forward we as a lodge look ahead at Winter Fellowship. This event will be filled with interactive training and lots of fun so don't miss out. Don't get caught up in the New Year celebrations and remember to make your way out to Camp Shands for a weekend of fellowship and fun. I'll see you at the next fellowship- in the mean time, stay classy Echokotee!

Austin Schwindt, Vice Chief of Training

My Brothers,

I am so proud of each of you for your continued support and participation in the Order of the Arrow. Sometimes we are so focused on the big picture of increased membership and winning Sonic that we forget to appreciate the work being put into running our great organization. I cannot wait to see the continual growth of this lodge over this coming calendar year. Get ready for more fun than you have ever had at fellowships before! It is my personal goal to create fellowships that have something for everyone to connect to and enjoy! I cannot wait to see you all at our next event.

Zach Morris, Vice Chief of Program



One of Zach's games at Fall Fellowship included a hot dog eating contest!

Greetings Arrowmen!

The secretarial department of Echokotee Lodge is quite well these days. Shoutout to the newest member of our team, Ethan Griner. We have plenty of opportunities for Arrowmen like yourself to join our team. Like to write, create graphics, or record lodge history? If so, email me at kipple.kyle0797@live.com, or talk to me at Winter Fellowship. Feedback for publications is also always welcome! I'll see you at the next fellowship, Echokotee!

Kyle Kipple, Secretary

Hello Echokotee!

This is your treasurer here and I want to remind you all of a few things. Chapter chiefs and committee chairmen, remember that you have money to spend. Use this resource to help bring your activities and projects to the next level and provide an all-around better program. Check-request forms on the lodge website; please allow 15 days for your request to be processed.

Echokotee Lodge has money allocated to helping Arrowmen who are in need of monetary assistance in attending events. There are scholarships ranging from \$100-\$500, and is provided on a basis of need and merit. You can get a scholarship form from the lodge website. Please send these forms to jonbrescia@hotmail.com for review. Thanks!

Jonathan Brescia, Treasurer



Want to attend NLS in Fruitland, Florida on February 13-15, 2015? Scholarships are available for those who qualify on echokotee.org!

Greetings Echokotee-ians,

I can't wait to see your displays at Winter Fellowship. I hope all of the chapters bring their best because it will be phenomenal to see all of the different ideas each chapter brings to the table. I can't wait to see everyone competing at Winter Fellowship!

Preston Richter, Historian

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Special Needs Camporee Recap

By TJ LAQUIDERA, SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPOREE CHAIRMAN

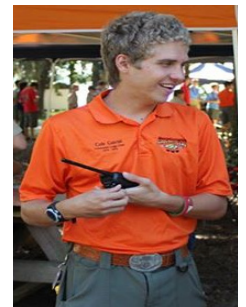
As most of you may know, the weekend of October 17-19 was Special Needs Camporee. I asked you guys if you could come cheerfully serve and you guys showed me outstanding attendance. Each chapter had a job and a booth at this event and each chapter executed it splendidly. Friday night, Echockotee Lodge assisted SNC staff with putting up tent city. On Saturday, we all went to work and we made campers enjoy one of the best times of their life. That same night, Echockotee Lodge hosted a campfire full of skits and songs. On Sunday morning, no one left until the work was done. We broke down tent city and picked up trash around the camp. Personally, I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped; this weekend wouldn't have strived as well without you guys.



A beautiful sunrise overlooks the St. Johns River on Saturday morning at SNC



Some Troops hosted booths for campers to play games and get prizes



The Chief is never far from his trusty walkie-talkie!

Section Leadership Seminar Recap

By TYLER BOUDREAUX, SECTION CONTINGENT CHAIRMAN

Hello Echockotee! Those who did not attend the FIRST EVER Section Leadership Summit missed a fantastic weekend of fellowship with our Brothers across the state of Florida. The training was the best of the Section S-4, and the games were just as great. There was a wide variety of classes that you could take so that everyone had something to do. The classes ranged from program to OA High Adventure, and from AIA to how to pack for canoe trips. At the end of the classes, games were held, which were a ton of fun. Then they had their "237" surprise, which ended up being a small inflated pool with Jell-o, so that you could wrestle in it. This weekend was definitely worth the drive down there. I hope to see everyone at Section Conference in 2015.

A Memorial to Mary Hume

By *CHIP LEONARD, LODGE ADVISER*

It's 8:00 am on a Saturday morning and some Echokotee Lodge Arrowmen are sitting down for a folding and stuffing party at Mr. Grinnan's office. Hundreds of lodge publications bury the conference table. There they sit, folding, taping, stuffing and sealing for hours on end. Lunch comes and goes and the piles of paper do not seem to be getting any smaller. By midafternoon, they can begin to see the top of the desk. The task is almost complete - this time. In a month or two, they would start all over again. You know, the vast majority of our lodge is totally unaware of these "parties" that exist. They simply enjoy the publications, unconscious that a few folks made it all possible.

Mary Hume was one of those silent servants. Month after month, she sat at that conference table and gave selflessly. When the task was finally complete, we would thank each other and head home, until the next time.

That example represented a consistent pattern for Mary. She was always busy serving others. Perhaps you worked with her at Camp Shands during fellowships or service days. You would usually find her sitting behind the



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wheel of the family Suburban, hauling endless trailers full of brush back and forth to the burn pile. Not a fun job,

but one Mary always did with a smile. Whether she was stuffing mail or hauling brush, Mary never complained. Always busy, always smiling.

He who serves his fellows is of all his fellows, greatest. One hundred years after the founding of the Order of the Arrow, those simple words still inspire thousands of faithful members to spend untold hours serving others. The characteristics Dr. Goodman and Carol Edson established in the founding of our Order, Mary lived out before us all. She was never a chapter adviser. She was not in charge of a committee. She never held a lodge level position. She simply gave the best of herself so others could enjoy the woods and camping. Mary Hume, we will all miss you. We won't be able to visit sunny Camp Shands without the reminders of your contributions. We are all a little richer because you gave.

Are you feeling wordy?

Get ready to unscramble the following words associated with the New Orleans-themed weekend to prepare for the upcoming Winter Fellowship! Remember that Winter Fellowship is January 9-11... Will we see you there?

- _____ = layabajam A Creole dish of Spanish and French influence
- _____ = retrauq frnche The oldest neighborhood in New Orleans
- _____ = zjza Also known as Dixieland music
- _____ = marid rsag An annual event in New Orleans before Ash Wednesday
- _____ = aisnts The name of New Orleans professional football team
- _____ = tel hte odgo emits lrol The slogan of the famous festival in New Orleans

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Chapter Reports

Apieka

Hello Echockotee 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 Echockotee!

-Apieka Chapter Chief

Oglala

Hello Echockotee, the Oglala Chapter is doing great. We had an awesome turnout at the past fellowship and had a fantastic time. We can't wait to have an even better turnout and time at the upcoming Winter Fellowship.

-Jonathan Mobley, Oglala Chapter Chief

Oklawaha

Hello Echockotee 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 Echockotee!

-Oklawaha Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

Hello Echockotee! It's John Carlisle, the Elemukulek Chapter Chief, to let all of you know that we are doing phenomenal. We've been doing a lot as chapter recently, like having our booth for Special Needs Camporee, and staffing our District's Cuboree. We have so much planned for this upcoming Winter Fellowship, so I'm sure that all of you are going to be very surprised when you see all the spirit gear we're having. We're looking to bring Sonic back home from his very long vacation, so you all better be prepared! We can't wait to have a great time at Winter Fellowship! Ducks go quack!



-John Carlisle, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

Onathequa

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-Onathequa Chapter Chief



Osceola

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-Osceola Chapter Chief

Saturiwa

Saturiwa is at full speed as we proceed through the year. The chapter had awesome success at Fall Fellowship bringing home Sonic for the third time in a row. We have been having fun at our recent events, which included a night at Adventure Landing and our survivor-themed District Camporee. We look forward to the other chapters competing at Winter Fellowship, so bring your "A" game because we certainly will! PLANET!!!

-Justin Cowell, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

Timucuan

These past few months have been very eventful for the Timucuan Chapter. We hosted our District Camporee and had an absolutely amazing campfire. Fall Fellowship showed improvement in numbers, and then we ran a dunk tank with a Hawaiian twist at Special Needs Camporee and we feel as if the campers loved it. We'll be buffing it up at the next fellowship. Yours in WWW.

-Tyler Bilodeau, Timucuan Chapter Chief

Seminole

Hello, Seminole Chapter had a great time this fall. We had great attendance for the Fall Fellowship, and everyone had a wonderful time. We have also started to participate in more of the lodge events. We are all looking forward to the next lodge event!

-Griffen Walters, Seminole Chapter Chief



The Saturiwa Chief is actually an ape



The Seminole Chapter got around during Fall Fellowship in their bright yellow New York Taxis



These Arrowmen are happy to be newly inducted Brotherhood members

New Lodge Communication System

By texting your chapter's code to 84483, you can stay up to date with upcoming events and important information. Get your chapter code below!

Apieka: APIEKA

Oklawaha: FENIX

Saturiwa: PLANET

Elemukulek: DUCKSGO

Onathequa: OWL200

Seminole: PANTHERSROAR

Oglala: OGLALA

Osceola: OSCEOLA200

Timucuan: BUFFITUP

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
January 9-11, 2015	Winter Fellowship	Camp Shands
February 13-15, 2015	NLS & NLATS	Fruitland, Florida
March 6-8, 2015	Spring Fellowship	Camp Shands
April 10-12, 2015	Section Conference	Camp La-No-Che (Paisley, Fla)
April 25, 2015	Service Day	Camp Shands
May 15-17, 2015	Summer Fellowship	Camp Shands
July 10, 2015	ArrowTour	Camp Shands