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Looking Ahead

by Alex B.

As youth members start going back to school, it is the perfect time to return to the Order of the Arrow as well. Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee will be holding two events over the next three months. On August 13-14, our second annual LLD will take place at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. Attendees can expect beneficial trainings and fun activities during this weekend. Additionally, LLD is only one night at the most (attendance Friday is optional) and costs less than any other weekend. The patch for this event has been officially described by the chief as 'sick'. Later this quarter will be Fall Conclave. The weekend will be held at Sand Hill Scout Reservation from October 8-10. There will be opportunities for ordeal and brotherhood during the Conclave. For the first time, the lodge is also holding a committee fair; any Arrowman interested in joining one of our many committees will get to see those committee chairs with displays and information. More events taking place at the section and regional level can be read about below.



Glimpse Into the Past



Looking Behind

by Alex B.

A week after the new LEC took office, they held the first event of the lodge year: Bull Weekend. Dozens of candidates were led by their Elangomats to complete the ordeal. Sean M, one Elangomat, said "Having never done it before, it was great to go full circle with those roles and see what I had been asking people to do for the past year. I'd definitely do it again." The new officers and committee heads worked hard to make this weekend both fun and productive as Flaming Arrow was readied by the lodge for its summer camp season. After the ordeal was completed, all attendees ate one of several dinosaur-themed meals and settled into the dining hall for fellowship activities. "I loved seeing our Secretary and Activities chair in dinosaur suits, as well as seeing our current Lodge Chief in the Bull Suit," Sean remembered. For the first time, a lodge event included the screening of a film on Saturday night; in this case, *Jurassic Park*.

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Chiefly Speaking

by Ryan S.

My fellow Arrowmen, we are entering a season of training. First, we have our Lodge Leadership Development coming up, which I am very excited about. We are trying a longer format this year, and our Lodge leadership believes this will make the event much more effective. After LLD, we have National Leadership Seminar in September and Section Leadership Summit in November. These three events will give Arrowmen in our Lodge an opportunity to transform their own abilities in leadership, and help prepare our Lodge for the future. Our current leadership will not be around forever. We must keep our eyes on the future. For this reason I ask each of you to consider these events and invite your friends in the Order to attend as well so that we can effectively build our next wave of outstanding leaders.



Eventful

by Alex B.

The previous LEC and current administration have both made strides towards improving our lodge weekends. Last year, it became obvious to the LEC that the pandemic was not the only cause for lack of attendance and enjoyment. "We felt that youth were not having as much fun as they should have," said Sam M, former Vice Chief of Operations and current activities chair. "Our parties on Saturday nights had very little attendance and that had to be changed." To fix this issue, weekend schedules started looking different. Training sessions were implemented into Saturday afternoons. Fun activities such as Capture the Flag, previously relegated to Spring Fellowship, started making an appearance at every weekend. During Bull Weekend, the lodge screened Jurassic Park on Saturday night. "All of the activities that we do use the event themes. The biggest challenge I definitely face when coordinating activities is finding ones that everyone wants to participate in but also follows the guide to safe scouting," Sam said. The results speak for themselves; far fewer Arrowmen now leave on Saturday night, and events which in previous years have had few attendees are now booming with members. As the lodge continues to heighten the level of fun members have during weekends, it can expect even more eager attendance in the future. "Our main goal is retention for youth and this is a big step towards improving our numbers."



Chapter Lightning Round

by The Chapter Chiefs

Calusa.....

The chapter meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month

Calusa and Osceola will be holding a joint ordeal weekend later this year. The chapter is also practicing for events at Spring Fellowship, hoping to keep its streak of victories at chapter vs chapter sports.

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.....NOAC Countdown.....

by Alex B.

National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, July 25-30, 2022. This event will have trainings, fellowship activities, patch trading, and the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from across the nation. Anyone wishing to attend should register through the lodge. Making your \$100 deposit can be done now, additional price information will be available later this year.



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Osceola

The chapter meets at Camp Soule, 7:00 pm, on the second Wednesday of every month.

The chapter has been designing their T-shirt and patch for the new year, and has held multiple fellowship activities in addition to their regular meetings. These included Christmas in July and a bowling night.

Sewing Back in Time

by Alex B.

The Lodge Chief made a campaign promise to have themed events during his term. To deliver on this promise, the 2021-22 patch theme had to be something that weekends could match with activities. Vice chief of membership Nathan C proposed his theme idea during Spring Fellowship, and it quickly became the most popular. "I really love history and think that time periods are really cool," Nathan said. 'Bulls Through Time' is now the theme for the year. Bull Weekend had a prehistoric patch, and the rest of the year's events will continue forward. Each weekend's time period will be reflected in the activities, meals, and (most importantly to avid collectors) patches. All event patches can be arranged around a center patch to form the face of a clock, the hands pointed toward 20:22. "We learned that broader ideas work well for patch themes," Nathan said. "Another big lesson for this year will be that theming weekends is integral to fun and success."

Arrowman Spotlight: Heidi C

by Alex B.

For Heidi C, scouting began when she joined Girl Scouts at five. Heidi completed her ordeal in June 2019 with her dad as an elangomat. "After the pre-ordeal ceremony was over I gave my dad a hug and he told me that when he knew he had two daughters he never thought this day would come." In the two years she has been a member of the lodge, Heidi has taken a keen interest in OA leadership. Currently the Osceola Chapter Chief, she previously served as Vice Chief in her first eligible term. During lodge meetings Heidi is always prepared with reports and ideas to present. Concerning her ideals for the future, Heidi said "what I would like to see is people providing cheerful service whenever they are called upon."

Commitment

by Alex B.

As part of the current administration's focus on committee strengthening, some chairs have been asked to state their goals for the current lodge year.

Brotherhood- Expanding in size, adding new Nimats who have been fully trained in their position. This will allow for a more personalized and overall better brotherhood experience.

Communications- Making sure all lodge members are up-to-date with the most current information. Improving the website and social media to make them the best they can possibly be.

Troop Representative- Keeping units informed of OA events, and organizing elections for as many units as possible. Building a lodge-wide database to enable direct unit leader contact.

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Training Days

by Alex B.

During the second half of this year, there are ample opportunities for lodge members to be trained. Trainings serve the purpose of preparing arrowmen for positions, reminding them of the order's fundamentals, and giving them inspiration for future events. "Training is involved in pretty much anything you can think of that has to do with the lodge and lodge leadership," said training committee chair Cameron R. One opportunity will be at each lodge weekend including Fall Conclave; the LEC plans on including a training seminar in all conclave schedules from this point forward. Topics covered will be different each time, so arrowmen can expect to learn a lot. "Right now I'm trying to get training that will help the new members get used to jobs in this lodge such as Elangomat," Cameron said. In August is Lodge Leadership Development (LLD); a training weekend which will include several seminars to pick from and some fun activities for all attendees. Those who can't make it to either of these opportunities may wish to attend National Leadership Seminar (NLS); a regional event taking place in Orlando from September 24-26. Arrowman interested in lodge-funded scholarships for NLS should contact the chief. If none of these work, the last training event of the year is Section Leadership Summit (SLS) from November 5-7 at Camp Elmore. Both NLS and SLS will include fellowship activities as well. All lodge members should take advantage of at least one training opportunity this year, and clearly there are plenty to choose from.

.....A Taste of Fellowship.....

by Carson C.

Oftentimes members of the OA get caught up in work projects and forget how fun the Order can truly be. Last month, the lodge hosted an ice cream social at the Council's Express Camp. It may have been considered service, but it was truly more fun than work. There were troops from all over the council and even a few scouts from out of state. The Chief hosted a table tennis challenge as a part of the social and almost went undefeated. Everyone had a great time while learning about the Order.

Why No Brorein?

by Alex B.

When looking at this year's scheduled lodge events, Arrowmen will see that Sand Hill Scout Reservation is being used for both Fall Conclave and Spring fellowship this year. Camp Brorein does not appear at all on the calendar. Recently the LEC decided not to hold any events at Brorein due to its dining hall being closed down. "The dining hall was closed down due to deterioration and the roof on the porch," said Frank Marion, the council maintenance manager. The building is almost a century old, the earliest photographs of it having been taken in 1925. The landmark stands in stark contrast to the newer dock area and cement pavilions nearby. In recent years campers at Brorein have noticed parts of the floor rotting away. To solve these issues, the Council is still in the planning stages of refurbishment and replacement. Concerning how the lodge may help with these plans, Marion stated, "the OA can help by doing service projects with their troops and chapters to keep the rest of the camp looking good till the council has a final plan for the building."



Event Registration

Upcoming Lodge Events

- August 13-14: [LLD](#)
Monthly LEC
- September 16: Monthly LEC
- September 24-26: NLS
- October 8-10: [Fall Conclave](#)
- October 21: Monthly LEC

Current medical forms are required for all in-person events, as well as COVID-19 forms which are available on the GTBAC website.



Pay 2021 Dues

Pay for annual dues via [this link](#).
If you did your ordeal in 2021, your dues for this year were already included in your ordeal fee.

Bulletin Article Submission

If you have a topic you wish to be addressed in next quarter's **Bulletin**, email the lodge secretary. This includes lodge members you think should be featured in the Arrowman Spotlight, upcoming events, service opportunities, etc. The next edition is to be published at the end of October.

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What Chapter are You?

- Fort Brooke District: Netopolis Tachquiwi
- Lake Region District: Pethakhuwe
- Miccosukee District: Osceola
- Skyway District: Calusa
- Suncoast District: Abiaca
- Thunderbird District: Pethakhuwe
- Timucua District: Pethakhuwe
- Withlacoochee District: Withlacoochee

Get Involved

Whether you are a youth or adult, have been in the Order of the Arrow for a month or several decades, you always have an opportunity to give back. Follow [this link](#) to view our numerous lodge committees and contact information to join.

If you are a youth member (under 21) interested in running for an elected position on the LEB, Lodge elections will be at our Spring event.

Interested in writing for the Bulletin? Contact the Lodge Secretary. No experience necessary. No youth last names will be published as per YPT.

