

The Osprey



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TOMORROW'S A NEW DAY...

On December 1, 2001, the newly elected lodge leadership came together at the scout office for a day full of training known as the Lodge Leadership Development Course, LLDC for short.

The day began with an introduction of everyone, and quickly entered into the realm of training. A variety of subjects were covered from "Stuff a Lodge Does" to "History of the OA" to "Mission and Purpose of the OA." By the end of the day, each person left with a better understanding of how to be an effective leader.

Following the new training, the lodge leadership held a brainstorming session where we made plans for the upcoming Spring Fellowship. With all the new ideas, the lodge leadership hopes that this upcoming year will be better than the past, and hopefully the LLDC has prepared a new group of leaders to undertake this responsibility.



Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

- To recognize those campers-Scouts and Scouters-who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.
- To develop and maintain camping tradition and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the units' camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Mission of the OA Lodge

To achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

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2002 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief	Monty Haight
Lodge Vice-Chief	Robbie Newton
Lodge Vice-Chief	Ted Werre
Lodge Secretary	Kenny Trujillo
Lodge Treasurer	Doug Watson

Chapter	Chief	Advisor
Apalachee	Enrique Alcaraz	Ted Spangenberg
Choctaw	Dean Bundy	Keith Reyher
Oschambos	Eric Gibbs	Tony Gibbs
Panzacola	Charles Bellinghausen	Wayne Pannell
Techakin	Chris Wilaby	Franklin Henry

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the following chairmen and advisors for the lodge operating committees. The activities of each committee require the involvement of more than just the committee chairman and advisors. If you are interested in serving on a particular lodge committee, you are encouraged to contact either the advisor or chairman of that committee.

Committee	Chairman	Advisor
Brotherhood	Paul Banegas	Kevin Jura
Publications	Joe Harvill	Jimmy Wiselogel
Finance/Trading Post	Doug Watson	Steve Kolek
Unit Service	Steve Henry	Norm Sutter
Ceremony	Mark Hewitt	Keith Reyher
Membership	Kenny Trujillo	Jim Matson
Unit Elections	Mike Schwartz	Randy Bundy
Elangomat	Andrew Darden	Ralph Banegas
Native American Events	Travis McElroy	Farris Powell
Camp Promotions	TBA	TBA
Historical/Awards	TBA	Laurie Bell
Vigil	TBA	Mike Rushing

For contact information check the lodges website at www.yustaga385.com

CHAPTER REPORTS

Apalachee Chapter

The Apalachee Chapter has been busy these past few months. We had two meetings with good attendance. To improve communications we have set up a Yahoogroups message board. We are still planning on conducting the campfire at the Fall Camporee this year. Hopefully, everyone will come out and join us and have a fun time.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at P.C. UMC off of 4th street. This is the same place as the round table meeting. We've had lots of fun this year and I hope we keep on doing a good job at being an arrowman.

Written By: Brandon Adams

Choctaw Chapter

Choctaw Chapter is the same chapter it has always been. Nothing new, nothing changed, YET. Look forward to seeing a new chapter, stronger and better. We had a pretty good year. The chapter's attendance at seasonal events is growing. It's not just the Crestview contingent anymore. See you all in this year's events!

Submitted By: Mike Schwartz

Oschambos Chapter

No Report Submitted

Panzacola Chapter

No Report Submitted

Techakin Chapter

No Report Submitted

NOAC 2002

The 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University of Indiana July 27-August 1 in Bloomington, Indiana. This will be the ninth Conference held at Indiana University. Previous NOACs were held there in 1948, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1965, 1969, 1990 and 1996. Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country join in fellowship and take over the campus of a major university. These gatherings draw over 6000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five days of training and fellowship.

NOAC literally has something for every Arrowman. The program is so diverse that it is impossible to participate in every event that is offered. Some of the NOAC program highlights are ceremony evaluation/competition, leadership training, Native American Events, athletic events and competitions (both individual and team), OA Museum, workshops, demonstrations and exhibits, patch trading, fellowship and inspiration.

Two of the major activities during NOAC are Founder's Day and the nightly shows. Founder's day, on the last full day of NOAC, is an opportunity for Arrowmen to get out and really get a chance to meet all Arrowmen from across the country and learn a little about their culture. Lodges are encouraged to set up booths/displays that showcase their lodge or geographical area. The whole day has a carnival like atmosphere, which truly allows participants to experience brotherhood.

Some of the most impressive shows produced by the Boy Scouts of America happen at NOAC. Generally, NOAC has an opening show, an awards show, a Native American Show, a Theme Show, and then a closing show. Recent shows have included fireworks, laser light displays, music, and lessons of life. The Shows staff puts in long hours, and long nights, to make the shows as great as they are. There is never a dull moment when you're sitting at a show!

One of the highlights of any Arrowman's tenure in the OA is to be a member of his lodge's contingent to NOAC. We will be receiving registration materials later this month, which will include the number of delegates that we are allowed to take. If you are interested in attending, and have not already done so, contact Wade Hartley immediately.

Arrowman Service Award

The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community.

The timeline of the award will begin on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. The award may be earned in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003. All first time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. Signatures of approval will be required for each requirement.

The requirement sheet and this information was previously included in the Osprey earlier this year and is also available from the website at www.yustaga385.com. Once you have completed the award's requirements and obtained the necessary signatures, please forward the completed sign off sheet to Wade Hartley at P.O. Box 25, Atmore, AL 36504.

All applications must be received by January 15, 2002. The awards will be available for purchase at the Spring Fellowship.

National Leadership Seminar, 2001

The SR-4N and SR-4S OA National Leadership Seminar was held October 19-21 at the FFA camp in Haines City, FL. Arrowmen from lodges in both sections attended this training, most of which held leadership positions in their lodge. Attending from our lodge were adults Ralph Banegas and Steve Kolek and youth Doug Watson. The NLS was very different from any Junior Leader Training, there was more structure and organization, mixed with amusing games and leadership exercises.

It was truly a unique experience. Running the event was volunteers from local lodges, along with the SR-4S Section Chief, Southern Region Chief, and even members of the National OA Committee like Don Cunningham, the current Order of the Arrow National Chief. Meeting such a great group of people made the event that much more enjoyable. And probably the best thing of all was that there was a never-ending supply of candy at every table. Whenever we ran out, someone came by and filled it up.

I would strongly recommend the NLS to anyone in or seeking a Lodge Leadership Position. I had a truly awesome time and learned a lot about what it is to be a great leader, which I will be applying during my term as Lodge Treasurer and in any other leadership roles I may take on. Our next opportunity to send a contingent will be in 2003.

WWW,
Doug Watson
Lodge Treasurer

“TRUST is in the center of it all.”

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is the epitome of leadership training for OA members. It is on an equal level with adult Woodbadge or youth Junior Leader Training (JLT). Every facet of what we do, know, or what we are committed to, all revolve around the center focal point of trust, the central theme of this year's NLS.

This weekend, intensive training course brought together over 50 youth and adult arrowmen from all reaches of our section. Through a series of videos, lectures, games, discussions, and roll-playing exercises, everyone was exposed to the various leadership styles, and how to adapt them to situations we find ourselves in -- not only in our scouting lives, but also in our everyday experiences. The lessons we were taught will help us in our dealing with family situations, school and work scenarios, and troop or OA functions.

When you are given the opportunity to participate next year, JUMP on it! It is well worth the time, effort, and minimal cost. The benefits will be immeasurable.

Steve Kolek

Attending the National Leadership Seminar was an intensive and rewarding experience for me. It was designed to challenge you mentally in learning more about the nature of leadership. Also, it was designed to enhance the leadership skills of the OA's key youth and adult members as they seek to lead their lodges and members to better serve the OA. If I recall, the ultimate goal was to improve the OA's service to each and every council. We are responsible for helping make a "leadership difference" and the service it provides to our lodge. It was fun and I had a great time!

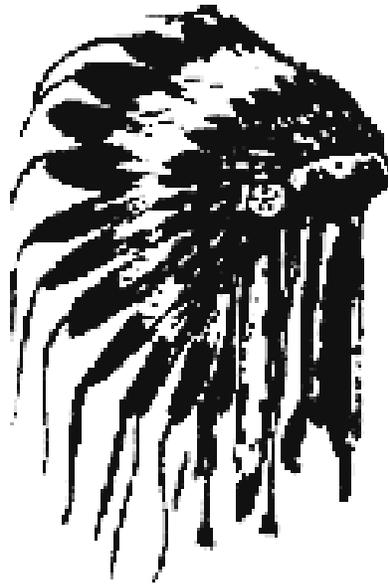
Benny Banegas
Yustaga Lodge 385

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Dear Brothers,

Thank you so much for your support in all the lodge officers and in me. We are going to be working very hard over this next year. If you were able to attend the lodge banquet you may have heard that the newly elected lodge officers are planning to put a theme with each event and are looking to bring in new and exciting things into the lodge. If you were unable to attend the lodge banquet I am sorry as you missed one of the best lodge banquets I have been to, but you should try to make plans to attend the Spring Fellowship. At the Spring Fellowship we are looking to have the theme of High Adventure. This is going to be an exciting weekend for all that attend. We plan to work hard over this next year to also bring the lodge attendance up to the level that it should be for, as many members as we have. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for any of the lodge officers or for myself please feel free to let us know. As we are here to serve you and your fellow brothers. Thank you again for allowing us to have the opportunity to work for you and your brothers.

WWW,
Monty Haight
Yustaga Lodge Chief





The Order's role at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree was one of vital importance. One set of brothers ran the exhibit called "Scoutopia" which was an amazing live show that brought out all of Scouting's values and morals in the participant's hearts and minds. The US Marine Corps helped sponsor the event, but most of if not all of the hours that went to building the theater and planning the show. The Outdoor Adventure Place, or TOAP, was an exhibit set up to promote Leave No Trace camping, various pioneering projects, and many challenges that required the participants to use teamwork in order to get them accomplished. TOAP can also be seen at any NOAC, even the one in 2002!

Near the center of the Jamboree, right around the corner from the merit badge midway, was the Indian Village. This was a huge ring similar in function to our square grounds at Camp Euchee. Indian Lore merit badge was taught here, as well as many crafts and regalia styles. A few nights during the Jamboree, the area was alive as hundreds of participants and staff joined in a pow-wow. The dust was kicked up and the ground shook as these dancers all came together to show off their heritage, or even just to show off the moccasins they had made the day before.

The next job the Order took on was one that many participants weren't very aware of. The OA Service Corps was a large group of OA members that were on staff strictly to fill in as support staff. They had a large hand in the youth staff camp at Jamboree, which housed nearly 800 staffers under the age of 21! When they weren't busy handling the gripes and complaints of the youth staff, they were distributing thousands of sack lunches to kiosks around the Jamboree site every day, serving as ushers and security during the arena shows, and then just filling in wherever they may have been needed. The theme for the Corps during their 2 1/2 weeks there was "Getting our sashes dirty", and that certainly was the case for this bunch of workers. The OA served in their positions like none other. Their support was a great asset to the Jamboree, and without them and the rest of the 3000 staffers, the Jamboree could not have happened.

Andy Weber

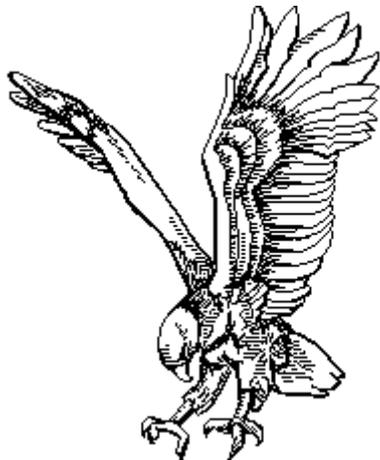
PAYMENT/REGISTRATION FORM

_____ 2001 Dues	\$7.50	Amount enclosed _____
_____ 2002 Dues, by December 1, 2001	\$5.00	Amount enclosed _____
_____ 2002 Dues, after December 1, 2001	\$7.50	Amount enclosed _____
		Total Enclosed _____

Name: _____ Youth or Adult (Circle One)
 If paying for more than one person, please list them and note if (Y) or (A) _____

Circle Chapter: [A] [C] [O] [P] [T] Telephone_(_____)_____

Email: _____ Address: _____



National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar

The Southern Region held its first National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar (NLATS) on October 19-21, 2001, at the FFA camp in Haines City, Florida. It was just the fourth session held in the nation. The weekend was comprised of an intensive training schedule which began on Friday evening and concluded after lunch on Sunday. The focus of the training was on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. The training is intended to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources while emphasizing personal

skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership. Approximately 35 adult leaders participated. The training program evolved from a need for standardized national training for lodge advisers and was a goal of the Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan announced in 1998 at the National Order of the Arrow Summit. Attending from Yustaga were Wade Hartley, Jim Matson and Keith Reyher.

Yustaga 385 2002 Calendar

December 1, 2001
January 12
March 1-3
April 19-21
May 17-19
July 12-14
July 27- August 1
September 13-15
October 26
December 7

LLDS – Scout Office, Pensacola
LEC – Scout Office, Pensacola
Spring Fellowship, Camp Euchee
SR-4B Section Conclave
Ordeal 'A' – Camp Euchee
Ordeal 'B' – Camp Euchee
National Order of the Arrow Conference – Indiana Univ
Fall Pow Wow, Camp Euchee
LLDS – Scout Office, Pensacola
Lodge Banquet, TBA

Be sure to visit the lodge website for all of the latest information, news and events.
While you are there, sign up for the lodge email list.

<http://www.yustaga385.com>

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