



March 2006 Issue

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Calendar

March 10-12
Spring Pow Wow

April 21-23
Section Conference
Hosted by: Tipisa
www.tipisa.org

May 5-6
Scout Show

May 13
LLDC

May 20th
Mentoring Day

June 2-4
Service Weekend

July 29 - Aug. 3
NOAC 2006
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI

Catch The Gator Spirit

Brad Walbridge - Contingent Adviser

Come one, come all!

Registration is now open for the 2006 Section Conference Contingent for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. We had a great turnout at Camp Seminole last year so we want an even bigger, more spirited group of mean green gators heading with us to Camp La-No-Che this year. There will be great competitions, great shows, great food, great seminars, great activities, great patch trading and, of course, great fellowship.

The lodge contingent will be travelling together by charter buses to and from the conference, and there will be four pick-up/drop-off locations throughout the council to make access easier for all. Detailed participant planning information will be distributed at Spring Pow-Wow and through the lodge mailing lists, but for now get your registration into the Gulf Stream Council Service Center or call 561-694-8585 for reservation by phone. The total cost of this awesome experience is only \$80.00 per person which includes conference materials such as meals, activity supplies, campground fee, event participant patch, goody bag and lodge contingent materials such as travel fee, contingent patch, contingent shirt, squeaky gator and other spirited items. Reservations MUST be received by 3/10/2006.

Make your plans to join Aal-Pat-Tah Lodge TODAY!!!

New in Da Issue

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Chiefly Speaking



My Fellow Gators,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 2006 is now upon us, and with it brings a new chance to start the year fresh. Among many of you, I have made a couple of New Year's resolutions, and I plan on working hard to achieve them. New Year's Eve shouldn't be the only time you set for yourself a goal or goals. You should set goals for yourself everyday, whether they're long term or short term. Goals are what make you work hard to achieve what you want out of life, and only you can decide what direction you want it to go in. Everybody is always trying to improve themselves, whether it's physically, mentally, socially, or spiritually, and it's up to you to figure out what may need some work.

Maybe one of your goals is to get more involved with school, and to raise your grades in the process. Maybe it's to quit smoking, or quit drinking, or to help a friend or relative to do so. Maybe it's to finish up you next rank's requirements, or just to go on more camping trips. If you want to go camping and have fun on it, then Spring Pow-Wow is here for you! On the weekend of March 10-12 at Tanah-Keeta, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be having its annual Spring Pow-Wow. If you want to learn how to dance, learn the finer points of patch trading, and learn about a whole slew of other topics, and just have a crazy, fun, Aal-Pa-Tah time, then you need to come out. To top it off, we'll be having a pow-wow Saturday night (hence the weekend's name). For those eligible Ordeal members, we will be having a brotherhood ceremony also, which costs only \$14 extra on top of the regular \$15 weekend fee. For me, this will be my sixth Spring Pow-Wow, and I can tell you that this weekend is one not to be missed! Finally, we will be having our Lodge Officer Elections (Chief, Vice-Chiefs, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian), so those interested, please contact me (stevegray237@yahoo.com). Peace go with you all, my brothers.

In Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui,

Stephen Gray

Lodge Chief

Growing Gator Tales

Editor

Have you been to the new Lodge Website? How about the new Gator Tales website? Our little Gator Tales is growing up and has now acquired the domain name www.gatortales.org and this is just a sign of things to come.

We are looking for help from the lodge to expand the Gator Tales. If you are interested in becoming a newspaper reporter or editor we have jobs to get you started down that road. If you are looking to help with the Gator Tales website we can help you there as well. E-Mail patrick@gatortales.org if you are interested.

- Gator Tales Staff -

General Submissions

Got Pow Wow?

Bradley Phibbs - Event Promotion

It's almost March.

Do you know what that means? Why, none other than the 2006 Spring Pow-Wow! Picture this: A weekend of seminars so you can learn everything about anything you want, Chapter competitions and awards, Vigil recognition, all the snacks and food you can imagine, all leading to a giant Pow-Wow on Saturday night! If you go to any weekend this year, make this the one! You will NOT forget this weekend!

The weekend is March 10-12, reserve your spot NOW!

Lodge Banquet

Jay Pantone - Banquet Organizer

For everyone at the banquet celebrating 2005, you know what a success it was. For everyone who was unable to come, it's something that you don't want to miss next time it comes around.

The food was Italian, and was very tasty. Both a live and silent auction were held, and \$2309 from those auctions will be added to the campership fund to help provide scholarships for needy boys to go to summer camp. Also, over 35 prizes were given away for free!

Congratulations to everyone who was recognized for their contributions, especially Debbie Clineman, as a James E. West Fellow, and Bill Jones, who received the Founders Award.

Winter Fellowship

Peter Turner - Weekend Planner

The Winter Fellowship turned out great! I have heard lots good things all around. I hope everyone enjoyed the scavenger hunt, water fight, and all other awesome events we had. For the early birds that were awake for the 237 surprise I hope you enjoyed it!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make that weekend possible.

WWW
Peter Turner
Weekend Planner

BROTHERS IN ACTION

Abaniki

Chief: Matt LaGala

Hey Abaniki members!

The Winter fellowship was a blast (for those of you who went). Although our chapter only won dodgeball, we all had a great time. We are still looking for you guys to be more involved with the chapter. We have monthly meetings at the district roundtables on the second monday of every month, so it would be awesome if you could come.

Encourage the scouts in your troop who are currently in the OA to be a part of chapter and lodge events. If you have any questions, feel free to call me (561)395-5193. I would like our membership to grow, keep scouting!

WWW,
Matt LaGala
Chapter Chief

Chee-Pa-Tah

Chief: A. Jay Flack

My fellow Chee-Pa-Tah members, First of all GREAT job in staffing the Trade Winds District Family Camping ~ BIG STOMP !! We fed a lot of people from the TK Grill and helped Cub Scouts have an awesome weekend.

Secondly, thank you to all who participated in the one-day of service at Corbett Everglades Youth Camp. Alex Stephens, site manag-

er, was thrilled with us clearing the camp sites.

As most of you know, Chee-Pa-Tah won the "GOLDEN GATOR" award at the Winter Fellowship weekend by beating out the rest of the Chapters in many different competitions. CONGRATULATIONS !!

Monthly meetings. I would like to see more variety in troops that are there. OA Reps, get your people there. Remember, these meetings are not just for OA Reps; they are for EVERY member of Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter. Speaking of getting there, plan to be at the Spring POW WOW.

In Service

Chapter Reports

Chapter Chiefs you are welcome to send in pictures you would like published with your report.

Pictures will be added space permitting if you submit your report and picture early. Send an email to patrick@gatorales.org for more details.

June Issue Submissions Due by: April 15th



Chee-pa-tah Members (L to R): Levi Stahl, A.Jay Flack, Brad Walbridge, Andy Flack, Chauncer Baughman, Mary Flack, Dakota Stahl, Keith Meiner and Danny Madden.

Lowaneu Mawat

Chief: Peter Turner

Hello all,

The LMs are doing great. We are starting our unit elections which really helps us strengthen our chapter bonds.

Also I must remind remind all the other chapters who is

in the lead for the Best All Around Chapter? O that's right its us, sorry guys. We hope to have an even bigger turn out at Spring Pow-Wow. See everyone there.

Peter Turner,
Lowaneu Mawat Chapter Chief

Nekiwa

Chief: Tony Gordon

Hello Fellow Chapter Members!

Thanks to all who came out for Winter fellowship! For once our chapter had a great attendance! The Spring Pow-wow is fast approaching and we ALL need to attend! Not only will there be Lodge elections, but probably chapter elections. YOUR lodge members need your vote! If you are interested in running for chapter chief, you need to attend this weekend's event.

I would also like to thank Chris Hall and his mom, Cindy for taking care of the unit elections for Panasofee chapter!

Cheerful service at it's best!

Unit leaders, I need your OA rep's name and contact info. This person is responsible for getting OA info back to the troop. Please call or e-mail me the person for your unit.

Thanks!
WWW,
Tony Gordon
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Oi-Ya-Tah

Chief: Oakley Hammond

Fellow Arrowmen, This is Oakley Hammond your Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter Chief. We will be holding chapter meetings at our Treasure Coast District Round Table, which is the second Thursday of every month.

Spring Pow-Wow is coming up, this is a great chance for you to meet your fellow arrowmen and to show your Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter pride. This weekend will be held at Camp

Tanah Keeta, from March 10-12. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

WWW,
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Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter Chief
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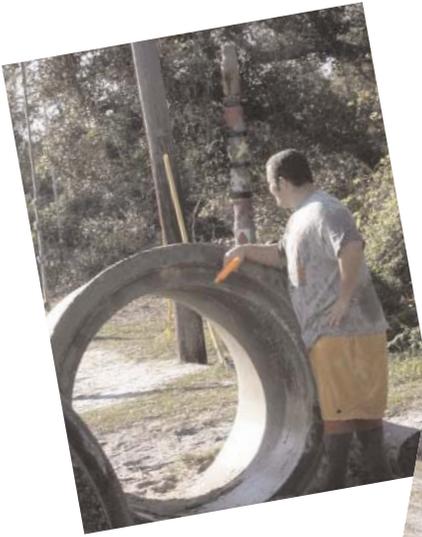
NOAC 2006

It'll be time to go to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) before you know it! NOAC 2006 is July 29-August 3, 2006 in East Lansing, Michigan on the campus of Michigan State University. This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at the National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). Over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together for have fun, learn new things, and celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting, and only OA members can participate.

NOAC is a great opportunity for you to learn more about the OA and Scouting (and maybe a little bit more about yourself), to get to know the rest of the members of your lodge, and to make new friends from around the country. Join the Order of the Arrow's best and brightest for a six day adventure of fun, excitement, and memories.

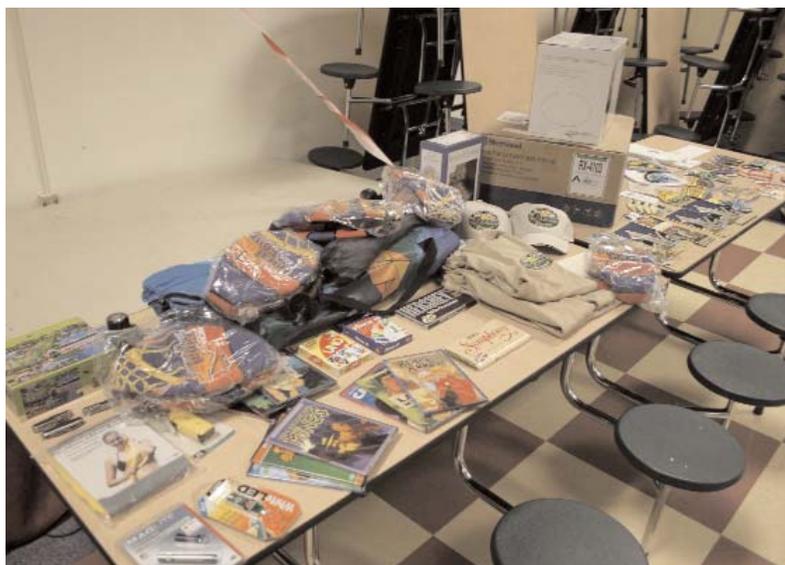
There will be a meeting at Pow-Wow for those who are going to NOAC or interested. To check out more about NOAC, go to <http://event.oa-bsa.org/>

2005 Winter Fellowship





2006 Lodge Banquet



Founders' Award

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. At the Lodge Banquet, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge presented Bill Jones with the award for 2005.

Top Left: raffle items, Above: Lodge Advisors past and present serving dinner, Below: Recognition of Chapter Chiefs and Advisors for Unit Elections, Lower Left: Auctioneer Richard Fore





James E. West Fellowship

James E. West was appointed to the position of Chief Scout Executive in 1910 by the founding leadership of Scouting in America. West worked with Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Daniel Carter Beard, Ernest T. Seton, and many interested community leaders to give direction to the infant program of Boy Scouts of America. On January 2, 1911, West and others formed the National Council, B.S.A. Under his leadership over the next 33 years, Scouting grew and matured into the program we recognize and enjoy today. The James E. West Fellowship Award is bestowed on all individuals who donate at least \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund. Every year since 2002, Aal-Pa-Tah has donated \$1000 in the name of a Scouter who has shown exceptional service to the Scouting Program. Debbie Clineman was selected as the recipient of the Fellowship for 2005.



Top Left: Drew Haines considers his bid, Top Right: Peter Turner watches the festivities, Right: Richard Fore presents James E. West to Debbie Clineman, Bottom Right: Blanket of Richard Fore's involvement as Lodge Advisor, Below: Brad Wallbridge - raffle promoter



Officer Reports

Hello, everyone,

This is your Lodge Secretary with a message for all Arrowmen in this New Year. There are so many great opportunities to take part in the fulfilling activities that make our Lodge great, but unfortunately, few step up to take advantage of them. This year, find a program in the Lodge you've always been interested in and jump into it. You can join one of our weekend committees to help make our weekends even more fun, you can become a member of the ceremonies team and take an active role in one of our Order's core practices, you can join our publi-

cations team and play a role in informing the Lodge members about the many cool events that are put on by our Lodge. And don't forget your Chapter activities! It takes great Chapters to make a great Lodge, so do your part to make your Chapter the most spirited chapter in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge.

I hope you guys enjoyed our Lodge Banquet, and I'll see the rest of you at the Spring Pow-Wow.

Yours in Fellowship,
Chris Shanks
Lodge Secretary

Currently we have five dancers already signed up for CNOAC and we hope to double that number come time to leave. we intend to, obviously, do the usual individual styles, but also we intend to do a group dance and drum comp. Which we haven't done in a few NOAC's. We've got the material for the drum comp but are lacking drummers, so the more the merrier!

go. He is over twenty-one so he can't be on the drum when we compete, but he has been at every drum practice so far and plans on keeping up his record.

In regards to the Lodge Banquet many of the Hitchiti, did not show up that night because we were doing three performances at the fair during the banquet.

We will be performing the Eagle Dance which we did at Section Conference last year for the group dance. We also intend to do that this year at section. We do not have a drum chief as of now but we in fact have a drum advisor: David Whitmer. David has been with us for over ten years and plans on continuing to help us out wherever we

Bradley Phibbs has invited us to attend and lead the Pow Wow at the Spring Pow Wow and we give many thanks for the invite.

WWW
Cory Reynolds

Howdy gators,

As most of you know, coming up soon is our make up ordeal. The Ceremonies team of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge needs your help to ensure that these candidates receive an Ordeal weekend much like the last one. If you are available to help during this event, please contact me at 561-432-6721. Thank You in advance.

it is right for you. Any Questions? Contact Me! at 561-432-6721. See You all at Spring Pow-Wow.

Also, This week's Ceremonialist of the Week Award goes to Jay Pantone! so everyone be sure to call him and personally congratulate him. Thank You.

Yours in Scouting,
Adam Taft
Ceremonial Team Chief

On behalf of the entire Ceremonies Team, I would like to wish you all a happy new year, and encourage each and every one of you to investigate what we do and find out if

Officer Reports Continued

Unit OA elections are under way! Unit leaders - you will or should of all ready been contacted by your chapter chief. If not, look for your chapter chief and call him too!

Chapter Chiefs, just a reminder your unit elections have to be done by the end of March. Even if the unit says they have NO one eligible, you can still visit and talk up our OA Lodge and do a camping promotion presentation. The first of February I will call all of you and confirm your status of your elections to ensure you are on tract. You should be attending the round tables in your district.

You can contact a lot of leaders that way! If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail me.

We can't get members if there are NO elections!

Thanks,
WWW,
Tony Gordon
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Happy New Year everyone! I know I have had quite a busy break making sure that our lodge website was primed and ready for the upcoming year.

For those of you who haven't been to the lodge website yet there are even more reasons to use it now as we have improved it greatly! In addition to lodge officers being able to post news on the website our forums have been finally been moved to their new home for all to use.

In addition any extra Gator Tales content or special early release content will be posted on our forums. Who

knows there might be some special content on the forums now for you to check out!

We also want your feedback on our new website, The Gator Tales, and the Forum. Please let us know how we are doing and what we can do to improve!

WWW,
Patrick R.
patrick@gatortales.org

Hey Gators!

We finished off the year with a bang! Winter Fellowship was amazing. Many thanks to our awesome weekend chairman, and to everyone who helped him out. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break; I know mine was too short! As we really start to swing into 2006, we have a few big things coming up, first of all being the AWE-SOME Spring Pow-Wow, being put together by none other than long-time OA member Bradley Phibbs. This is going to be a weekend that you WILL NOT want to miss because it is going to be chock-full of seminars, chapter competitions, and will end off with a big Native American Pow-Wow. Also, as you should know, NOAC and Section Conference are coming up. Look for articles about both of those events in this issue of the gator tales. Another

thing to think about is that elections will be held at Spring Pow-Wow, so if you have any interest in holding an elected position, contact either the current holder of that position or your chapter chief for more information. It may seem like a lot of work (and it is!) the satisfaction of a job well done is well worth it. On one last note, I feel strongly that our lodge could easily have much higher membership than it does now. If everyone brings one person from their troop who is in OA, but not active, we can raise out numbers, and bring such a fun program to even more people.

Thanks for making Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 everything that it is!

Yours in the WWW,
Jay Pantone

Spring Pow Wow

You MUST pre-pay the weekend fee of \$15.00 includes a weekend patch. Members must be dues-paid to participate in Lodge events. Please check the label on this mailing to determine if your dues are up-to-date. Annual lodge dues are \$10.00.

On-time payments must be received in the Council Service Center no later than 3/3/06 at 2 pm. Payment can be made in person, by mail, or by phone with credit card (VISA/MC/AMEX/DISC) at 561-694-8585 ext 234. Information required if using voice mail: purpose of payment (weekend, dues, etc.) participant name, cardholder

name, card #, expiration date, street address and zip code. You will be allowed to register at the door for \$20.00.

Save the hassle of having to register. Why not purchase a 2006 Fast Pass? It's only \$75! The Fast Pass registers you for all the weekend Lodge events, covers dues, annual year patch, plus if you are not able to make it to a weekend, a weekend patch will be saved for you.

We'll see you March 10-12th, to share in brotherhood, cheerfulness and service with your fellow Gators!

Officer Elections

Officer elections will take place on Saturday night of the Spring Pow-Wow weekend (March 10 - 12). Any Brother who wishes to run for a Lodge Office must be present the entire weekend and be interviewed Friday night. Interviews are formal and conducted in full Class A uniform.

Promotions for Elections:

- ✓ ONE tri-fold board (science-fair style) or a board/poster
- ✓ NO handouts/flyers are allowed.

*This is ONLY allowed to be displayed on the designated table in the Dining Hall starting Friday night.

“Change Service Requested”

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