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## OA Makes the Jamboree Go

To many Scouts from across the country who attended the National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, VA this summer, The National Jamboree seemed to run like a well-oiled machine. Although a Jamboree is planned for more than four years, the staff is comprised almost completely of volunteers who arrive just days before Fort AP Hill becomes the fastest growing city in America. Many of the 7000 staff members were part of the OA, which served in four major capacities at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

Perhaps the most visible service of The Order of the Arrow at Jambo was Scoutopia. Teaming up with the United States Marine Corps, the OA put on an extremely inspirational show that emphasized the values and morals that Scouting stands for. A cast and crew comprised completely of Arrowmen worked tirelessly everyday to give the Scoutopia experience to the more than 35,000 Jamboree participants and visitors. When Scouts left the show, they signed the USMC wall of commitment, committing themselves to the life of a good Scout.

Arrowmen staffing the TOAP program demonstrated camping and survival skills. TOAP is an acronym for 'The Outdoor Adventure Place' and what an adventure it was! Jamboree participants enjoyed Dutch-oven cooking, bouldering, *Leave No Trace* certification, and various other hands-on activities. When Scouts left, they were branded with Order of the Arrow TOAP temporary tattoos!

The OA is famous for TOAP, which appears at every National Jamboree and NOAC, each time, adding new programs and activities.

The American Indian Village was another great program at the Jamboree that was presented by the Order. Village staff demonstrated dancing and crafts daily and taught Indian Lore Merit Badge on the Merit Badge Midway. Two powwows were held at the American Indian Village where experts and novices met in the arbor to celebrate American Indian culture through dance and song. The regalia representing all regions of the United States filled the ring to create a sea of color moving to the beat of the drum. Participants and visitors learned a lot as they traveled

through the village, viewing displays and listening to guest speakers and demonstrators.

Forming a Lodge of 150 members divided into 5 youth run chapters, the Order of the Arrow Service Corps (OASC) served the Jamboree in a very dynamic capacity. Each chapter, daily, was assigned tasks that were delegated to the members by the elected chapter chiefs. Service Corps members filled holes in the Jamboree staff to ensure that the machine stayed well oiled and the program ran smoothly. Service corps members did everything from assist in printing the *Jamboree Today* newspaper to helping to serve more than 1,000,000 fresh lunches to Jamboree participants. When 40-60 thousand people flooded the Jamboree Arena for the opening and closing shows, OASC members served as crowd control, facilitating the seating and dismissal of participants and guests. Every day brought a new task and new challenges for these Arrowmen.

The presence of the OA at the National Scout Jamboree made a positive impact on each participant, thus serving its purpose as Scouting's National Honor Society well! The ideal of youth leadership in the Order was exemplified by the fact that each OA Program at the Jamboree was led by an elected youth Jamboree Vice Chief. The following members of Aal-Pa-Tah worked cheerfully to ensure the success of OA programs at Jambo: Daniel Arnold, TOAP; Stephen Brown, OASC; Richard Fore, OA Management; Matt Madden, Indian Village; and Chad Reynolds, Indian Village. These Arrowmen have served the Order well and have shown the Nation what Aal-Pa-Tah is made of!



This picture and caption appeared in the *Jamboree Today*: Eagle Scout Chad Reynolds, 17, of Gulf Stream Council and member of lodge Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237, works on a fancy dance bustle in the Native American Village. (Photo by Emery Shepard)

### New Vigil Honor Members of Aal-Pa-Tah

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an Arrowman by the lodge. Since our last issue of the Gator Tales, the following brothers have received the Vigil Honor:

#### Youth

David English

#### Adults

Alan Clineman  
Debbie Clineman  
Ron Oats  
Mike Stolar

The awarding of the Vigil Honor stands as a testament to many years of hard work and dedication to our lodge by all of these brothers. The ceremonies held for these brothers concludes the 2001 Aal-Pa-Tah Vigil

Class which also included brothers: Mike Arnold, Philip Ashford III, David Briggs, Stephen Brown, Raymond Ellis, Chris Rudinski, Chris Smith, Allan Stollberg, and Brad Walbridge.

Congratulations to all of Aal-Pa-Tah's newest Vigil Honor Members!!



Brother Debbie Clineman receiving her Vigil sash from her guide, Vigil Honor member Sally Daniell, at the June Ordeal

## Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

I have recently made a new career move as I continue to pursue my education. I work for a local elementary school working in an extended-day program. Interestingly enough, I've worked 6 years of Summer Camp at Tanah Keeta and have never questioned why I was doing it, so I figured that this would be a pretty good experience, and so far it has been. During my tenure at this elementary school, I've come to realize that Arrowmen are a lot like teachers. Sound like a strange comparison? Let me elaborate: What are the qualities of a good teacher? Someone who is compassionate, enthusiastic about doing their job, a friend to all, someone who looks beyond race, sex, nationality, etc... The only person in the whole

class that cares if you just got a new hamster the other day. Someone who is creative, someone that takes their work home with them so the students can have their grades back in a timely fashion, someone who sacrifices their own resources just so the students have crayons to color with, someone who works for peanuts. You see, if you put the attributes of a good teacher and the attributes of a good Arrowman together, you begin to see the similarities. Not to say every Arrowman should be a teacher, but I wanted to point out that while teachers and Arrowman have very different goals, we achieve them in the same fashion: *Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service*. I charge you to do something everyday to exemplify these ideals; we are the National Honor Society of

## Vice-Chief's Beef

Brothers,

I would like to tell you all a short story that has recently happened to me. My friend and I were going to a council round table meeting and we stopped in a local printing store to make some copies of a flyer. We were in uniform, of course, and in the midst printing the storeowner had left the store to get something in an adjacent shop. He left the money drawer open, as well as, all the expensive equipment all alone with us. When he had returned we asked why he would trust us so, to which he replied "In today's world Boy Scouts are one of the only peoples you can trust." Sad, yet mostly true, this statement made me feel bad about all the corrupt people in the world, and good about all the charitable people in the

world. Being seen from the societies' view as a well spirited, benevolent, and moralized organization, I am proud to be a Boy Scout and I hope you all realize what Scouting and the Order mean to the world.

Another issue on my mind is that I see many members who have been in the Order for a great deal of time, yet are not Brotherhood members. It is of course your choice whether or not you would like to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow and become a Brotherhood member, but for those of you how are ready to take the next step on your journey down the path of cheerful service there will be a Brotherhood ceremony at this upcoming Fall Fellowship (refer to the Brotherhood article within this issue for fur-

## Advisor's Minute

I want to thank all the Arrowmen who helped with the final two Vigil Candidates during Summer Camp; a special thanks to Steve Brown. We were able to put in a large class of Vigils this year and I am sure that this will be a very good group.

2001 National Jambo was great and all the Arrowmen that were on national staff did a great job. As far as I know we had Arrowmen on the OA Service Corps, the OA Indian Village and the Jambo Band.

I am looking forward to working with our new Chief Chris Smith and all the other

new Lodge Officers. I look forward to the upcoming Fall Fellowship. Please come and have FUN with your other Brothers.

Check the calendar for upcoming events and become active in the Lodge. Remember Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is built one Arrowmen at a time.

Yours In Brotherhood,  
Richard M. Fore  
Lodge Advisor  
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## OA Indian Village at Jambo 2001

Every morning at Jambo, dancing bells rang with the rising sun. Order of the Arrow members, some of the most experienced members in the Boy Scouts of America, put on daily powwows from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the American Indian Village at the west end of Merit Badge Midway. The village featured authentic Indian dancing, beadwork and craft demonstrations, as well as, hands-on daily weaving activities from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Scouts were also able to complete the requirements for Indian Lore merit badge at the same time. Life Scout Jason Chomic, 14, from Shelby, Ohio, Troop 1324, admitted, "I'm already part of the ceremonial team in my lodge [619, Portage] so I might as well learn more about American Indians and get the merit badge."

The village focused on a dancing ar-

bor, the site of extensive, jamboree-wide powwows held on Saturday and Tuesday nights, both starting at 7:15 p.m. Jamboree participants were urged to attend and learn of Indian culture, even if they were not Order of the Arrow members. There were two drums at the powwows, a northern (hard boiled) drum and a southern (sunny side up) drum.

From Aal-Pa-Tah, there were five brothers dancing in the powwows: Chad Reynolds, Matt Madden, Josh Davis, Kyle Rogers, and Mike Griffiths. Chad and Matt were both on the OA Indian Village Staff and Josh, Kyle, and Mike were camping with troops from Gulf Stream Council.

Scouting. We'll see you in the fall...

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Christopher R. Smith  
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Lodge Chief Chris Smith

ther information). I'll see you all at the upcoming weekend.

WWW,  
Scott Ellis  
Lodge Vice-Chief  
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Lodge Vice-Chief Scott Ellis



Lodge Advisor Richard Fore

## The following brothers sealed their membership in the Order and earned their Brotherhood at the June Ordeal:

Name	Chapter
Jerry Ashcroft-Thew	Chee-Pa-Tah
John Burke	Ne-Kee-Wa
Gregory Fearon	Osceola
Patrick Fearon	A-Bani-Ki
Bill Lagana	Ne-Kee-Wa
Adam Valencic	Ne-Kee-Wa

Congratulations on taking the next step of your journey!

# Chapter Reports

## A-Bani-Ki Chapter

Hello fellow brothers,

I will now be your new chapter chief and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Fellowship. I encourage everyone eligible for brotherhood to go for it and start the requirements immediately. Remember to keep your dues current, and hopefully we can make A-Bani-Ki a stronger chapter in the upcoming year.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
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A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief  
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## Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter

Hello and welcome back brothers to another action packed year in the lodge. This year will be filled with fun events such as Fall Fellowship and the 2002 Section Conference. To make this year even better I need input from all of the Chee-Pa-Tah brothers. If you have any ideas for our chapter, call me at 561-791-0134. Your input is vital to making this year as best as possible.

Make sure you have signed up for Fall Fellowship on September 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a weekend not to miss as we kick off the new year. Additionally, if you have not paid your dues, or know of a brother who has not, please do so ASAP that way you can here about all of the events happening in the Order. Also, you need to begin brushing up on your Brotherhood. This is crucial to sealing your devotion into the OA. I hope to have another great year.

WWW,  
Daniel Bialczak  
Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Chief  
DanLUomo@hotmail.com

## Lodge Drum Looking for Singers

Interested in competing at Section Conference but don't want to dance? Then come join the Lodge Drum. We are looking for people who want to learn Indian Song and Drum so we can compete at the 2002 Section Conference and N.O.A.C.

We will be setting up the drum at the Fall Fellowship and All Members are welcome to join us; we especially need youth members under the age of 21 for competitions. If you have any questions you can contact Joe Costanzo at 561-964-3112, or E-Mail him at [jlc1513@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlc1513@bellsouth.net)

Come join us at the Fall Fellowship and let's make it a clean sweep at Section!

Joe Costanzo  
Lodge Drum Advisor  
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## Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter

Brothers,

Hello again. I will be the Chapter Chief this year, continuing from last year's term. A chapter patch is currently in pre-production, and will hopefully be available soon. It is very important that we stay active as a chapter, and so I encourage you all to attend all lodge weekends and any future chapter meetings. Also, those who are not Brotherhood need to start working on obtaining it and go through the ceremony at the upcoming Fall Fellowship. If you have any questions contact me at 561-641-6380 by email.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Brian Case  
Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Chief  
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## Osceola Chapter

Brothers,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Fall Fellowship as I have special announcements for you. Don't forget that Ordeal members wishing to become Brotherhood members should be prepared for Fall Fellowship. I am proud to serve you and hope that I can do my best to help in any problems you may ever encounter in Scouting or in life. Also don't forget that your next payment for N.O.A.C. is due at the end of this month; don't miss your chance to go to this very special event. New members or any members of Osceola chapter (Lighthouse District) who cannot attend Fall Fellowship please email me so that I may inform you of what is going on.

Thank you and hope to talk to you soon,  
Matt Lombard  
Osceola Chapter Chief  
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## National Order of the Arrow Conference 2002

The 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is less than a year away! Every two years, approximately 7000 Arrowmen from across the nation gather to share ideas, learn about the Order, trade patches, and have a great time; the 2002 NOAC will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. You can be part of this extraordinary experience, but space is limited. The cost of NOAC for Aal-Pa-Tah members is estimated to be \$500. This fee includes all food, registration fees, lodging, training, and shows at NOAC, as well as, airfare and side trips on the way too and from NOAC. Tentatively, NOAC Participants will tour the Chicago area before and/or after the event. It will be a trip that will create lifelong memories.

To sign up for the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference, contact the Gulf Stream Council office at 561-694-8585. A deposit of \$200 is due by October 1, 2001 to secure your spot. Remember, space is limited and registration is handled on a first come first serve basis.

Stephen Brown  
Contingent Chairman  
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## Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter

Brothers,

Ne-Kee-Wa is ready for another exciting year. We will be having a chapter meeting shortly after Fall Fellowship. It will be a day of activities, learning, and fun. I hope to see everyone at Fall Fellowship and I will be in touch about the chapter meeting when I have more details.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
John Burke  
Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter Chief  
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## Lowaneu Mawat Chapter

What's up Lowaneu Mawat? Two weeks ago we had a very successful chapter meeting at which I briefed the new members that attended about how the lodge runs and about upcoming events; afterwards we played a small game of ultimate frisbee. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Fall Fellowship.

In Cheerful Service,  
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## Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter

Greetings fellow Brothers,

I am Anthony Bonna, the new Chapter Chief of the Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter. I would like to inform everyone that there are many opportunities for chapter positions, such as Vice-Chapter Chief and possibly even a Secretary or Treasurer. You can contact me at 561-336-0961 or at my email [trop 445@hotmail.com](mailto:trop 445@hotmail.com). I am very excited to be serving my brothers as chapter chief.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Anthony Bonna  
Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter Chief



Camp Ranger Jerry Pence and 2001 Camp Director Shanon Wiley during Summer Camp. This was Shanon's 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year as Camp Director and Jerry will retire from his position as Camp Ranger in October. Thank you both for the many years of service to the youth of Gulf Stream Council!

