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THANK YOU!

Being Editor of the *TIPI* has been an experience and a privilege. I regret that I am no longer able to be editor of the *TIPI*, having been elected your Lodge Chief for the next year.

I would like to thank everyone that in the past months have taken the time to help with the construction, writing, and mailing of the *TIPI*.

Lance Barbour has accepted the position of *TIPI* Editor for the upcoming year. I am confident that Lance will do a great job with the help of the *TIPI* staff.

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Patches Available by Mail

It's now possible to purchase certain lodge patches by mail, with no charge for postage. Here is a list of the patches available and their prices:

Lg Year patch	\$ 15.00
Sm Year patch	5.00
Lg Fla. shape 50th Anniv.	5.00
Sm Fla. Shape 50th Anniv.	2.00

Send a check made out to Gulfstearn Council along with your order to the council office at 2935 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.



Chiefly Speaking

by *Eric Mason*

Fellow Members,

It is with mixed feelings that I write this article. Being Lodge Chief is a one of a kind experience, especially with a lodge which is so spirited and full of brotherhood, yet I can be relieved in view of the group of capable youth who have been chosen to lead our Lodge this year.

I don't have space to thank all the people who have been instrumental in making this year a success. Although I will not be Lodge Chief anymore, I do plan to stay around and be active in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. I can only hope that any of you who want to get involved will make yourself available to the new officers. There are many things to be done and only our involvement will accomplish them.

Anyway, I've had a great time and I hope you are all able to take something special out of your years in the OA. Thank you all for your support and spirit.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Mason,
Lodge Chief



Have you ever wanted to join the Hitchiti dance team but didn't know how? Call Jeremy Culler at 969-6532, to take part in this exciting form of Native American culture .

LEC MINUTES

At the last LEC meeting, held at the Fall Fellowship, the LEC considered a motion to produce a new Lodge neckerchief. Several designs were submitted for review. After discussion, the LEC decided to accept the motion and produce the neckerchiefs, using a slightly modified version of one of the submissions.

It was noted that if the manufacturer was given this much notice, then the neckerchiefs should be available at the November Ordeal.

The LEC is a vital part of the lodge. If you would like to join the LEC, or contribute in some fashion, please contact Pat Foradori at 589-3318.

Advisor's Corner

Since the last *Tipi*, the Lodge has gone to NOAC at Purdue University with a great group of brothers. My congratulations to all the members of the contingent and those on staff, each of you represented the Lodge in an outstanding fashion.

We have just finished a busy Fall Fellowship. I regret that due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend. However, I would like to thank the retiring Lodge Chief Eric Mason, weekend chairman Greg Miller, Ron Barbour, Barry Ekle, Clay Jones, Kevin Murphy, and David Weda for making the weekend the success that it was.

My congratulations to Pat Foradori, our new Lodge Chief, and our other new officers. All indications are that they are going to be a great leadership team. The new officers and advisors will be sitting down soon to plan the coming year. If you are interested in serving on a particular committee, or perhaps undertaking a special project, please contact Pat Foradori at 589-3318, or myself at 626-1683. Remember there is a job for everyone in the lodge and if we are to keep Aal-Pa-Tah great, we need everyone to play an active role.

Section Seminars and the Ordeal are coming up in November, I hope there will be a large turnout for the Ordeal service weekend (Nov 18 thru 20), so that our service to Tanah-Keeta will be the best ever. This is your opportunity to welcome our new brothers.

Also, congratulations to the new brotherhood members. I am glad to see so many following the path with an active role in the lodge.

Remember your being active and in taking part will make the Lodge continue to be a point of pride with a fellowship to remember always.

Arrowmen Have a Blast at the Fall Fellowship, 19 Attain Brotherhood

Saturday morning 19 Ordeal members studied the song, Obligation, Admonition, sign, and Arrowman handclasp for the Brotherhood ceremony. Through hard studying, they would get what they deserved: namely, their Brotherhood membership. Jackie Donaldson, an OA member who was helping these soon-to-be Brotherhood members said, "It's nice to get them prepared and to get them ready for the OA." Mike Galbreath, who was preparing for the ceremony said, "It just takes time."

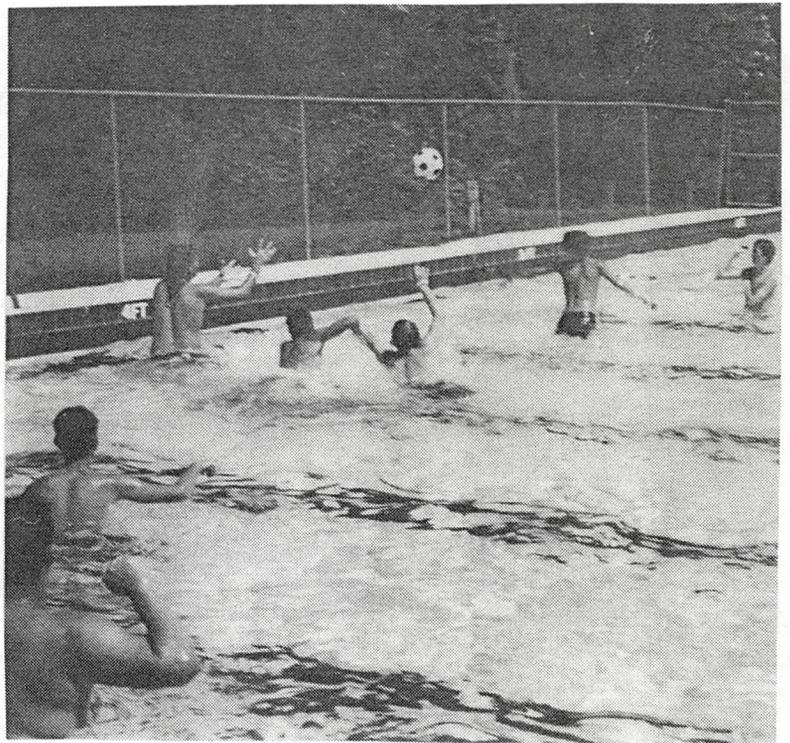
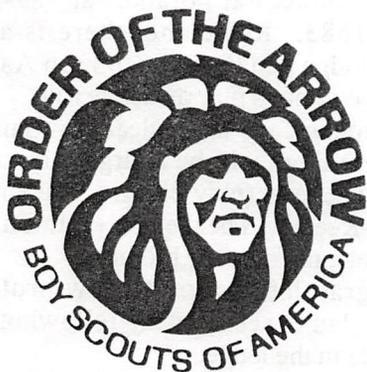
After breakfast, many different seminars were going on. These seminars included patch trading, lodge history, and lodge leadership with comments on Section and NOAC.

Saturday afternoon, new lodge officers were elected. A new chief, vice-chief, treasurer, secretary, and historian were chosen. They are, respectively, Pat Foradori, Jimmy Walls, Jason Howes, Reed Stoner, and Bill White. Afterwards, the tower and pool were open, volleyball and basketball were being played, people bought and traded patches, and others played Magic: The Gathering.

Later in the evening, the Brotherhood candidates completed their initiation, and the Saturday night campfire took place. The new Brotherhood members and the new lodge officers were recognized, along with a rendition of "If I Were In the OA," by the new lodge officers in which jealous Vice-Chief Jimmy Walls tried to assassinate Lodge Chief Pat Foradori. Jason Howes finished the campfire off with his most excellent fire dancing routine. A water carnival was held at the waterfront where there were many activities which included tie dying, silk-screening, water polo, volleyball, and watermelon.

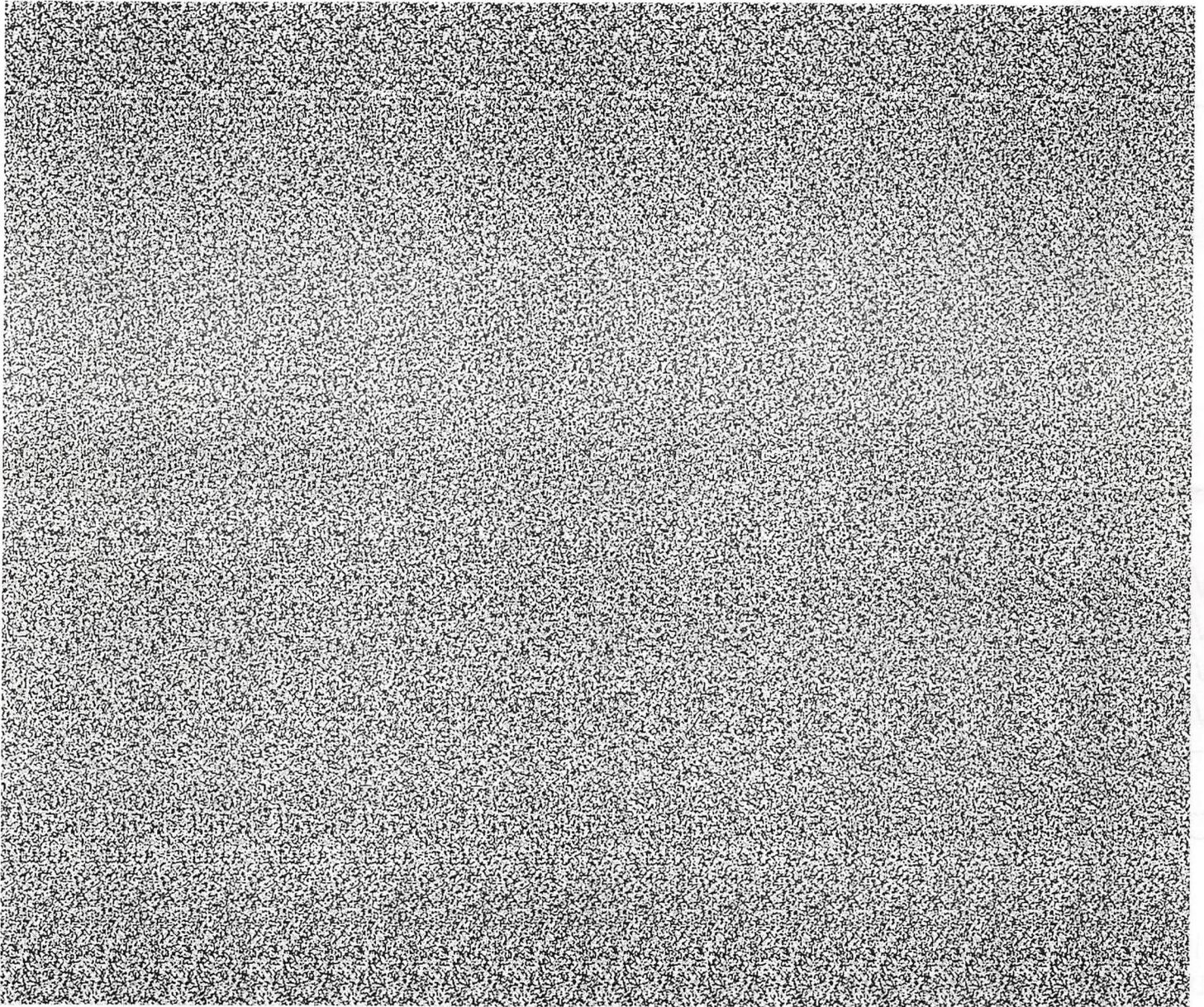


During their free time, many arrowmen were engrossed in Magic (clockwisw, L-R) Craig Roberts, Ryan Ford, Troy Rinks, Lew Leach, Jim Hare, Joe Schierich, and Jon Taylor



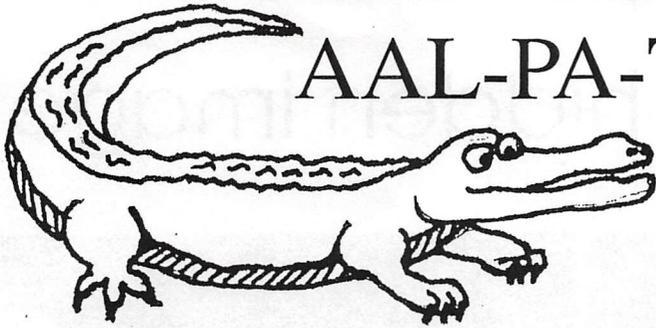
Members cool down playing water polo

Can you find the hidden image?



Look at this sheet as if you were focusing on an object behind the paper or put a sheet of glass on top of the paper and look at your reflection. If you are successful, you will see a 3-D OA image!

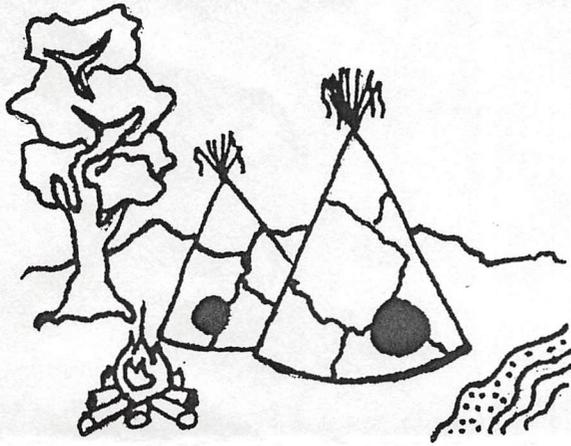
The Alligator



AAL-PA-TAH

LODGE 237

ORDEAL 1994



Stuff to Bring:

Tent 
Camping Gear
Class 'A' Uniform
Bathing Suit
New Members
Old Members
Work Clothing

Details:

WHO: All Arrowmen

WHAT: Order of the Arrow Ordeal

WHEN: November 18-20

WHERE: Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation

HOW MUCH: \$ 12.00

Registration begins at 7:00 PM. Please preregister with the Council Office by November 11. The phone number is (407) 844-0279

Elangomat Call

If you or someone you know wants to be an elangomat at the ordeal, you must contact Dane Warlik at (407) 747-7594 no later than Nov. 15

New Lodge Neckerchief Available !

At this upcoming ordeal, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will reveal a new patch neckerchief. The neckerchief has a great design and will cost \$20.00 each.

Get this collectable item of Aal-Pa-tah history before it's too late !

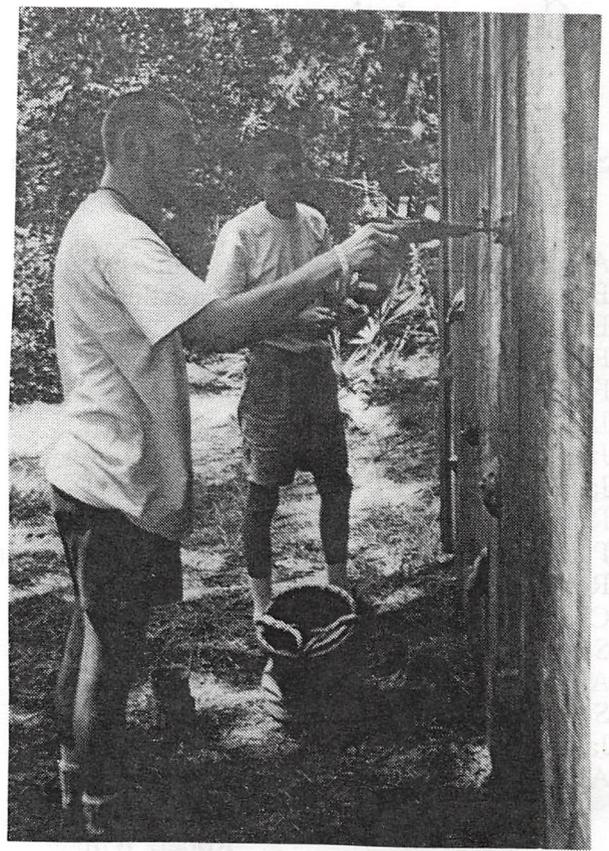
"Another time of testing is before you. Now you must preserve the tradition of cheerful service given us by Uncas"



New Lodge officers stand proud after their election;
 (l-r) Bill White-Historian, Jason Howes-Treasurer, Reed Stoner-Secretary,
 Jim Walls-Vice Chief, Pat Foradori- Chief



↖ Soccer is a popular activity during free-time



Hans Veltheim and John Park
 make repairs to the tower ⇒

Service Weekend Was a Big Success

Many scouts can tell you that the 1994 Summer camp program was a success. This success was due in part to the hard work of the staff and members of the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge in their preparation for a great summer camp program. Thanks should be given to all who participated in this effort.

The summer service was an open lodge weekend. Many newcomers came to see what the Order of the Arrow is all about. This weekend is an event in which brothers may invite nonmembers to attend. Not only did they observe the weekend, but they took an active role in work projects and many exciting activities. Many of the visitors were new candidates who will be joining our lodge as soon as they go attend the Ordeal in October. In addition to the work projects, 18 brothers sealed their membership in the Order by completing the Brotherhood ceremony.

Projects completed were as follows: members built platforms and set up tents for campers, patched old tents, dug holes for posts, and the Dining Hall roof was patched. Many things were done and the campers who came left with a feeling of accomplishment on a job well done.



Congratulations to Our New Brotherhood Members

Service Weekend May 20, 1994

Aaron Banfield
Bill Clements
Brad Ellis
Ray Ellis
Frank Fitzpatrick
Jay Gregory
Jim Harrison
Jason Howes
Ron Howes
Patrick McWalter
Rob Ochs
Charles Purvis
Stephen Reeves
Allan Stollberg
Seth Stoughton
James Witmer
Alex Wynen

Fall Fellowship Sept. 17, 1994

Adam Ackerman
Jon Allen
Josh Brookshire
Richard Buckley
Jay Eckler
Nick Eggen
Mike Galbreath
Jared Hosie
Jimmy Jaggars
Micheal McMahon
Augie Millang
Robert Rosbury
Jack Shelton
Reed Stoner
Alex Varady
Kevin Votapka
Hans Veltheim
Brad Walbridge
Robert Will



And the Adventure Continues

This past summer, Scouts from many different troops in Gulf Stream Council, as well as from around the world, participated in an adventure they will never forget...the 1994 Summer Camp at Tanah Keeta.

The first week of camp actually began a week before any of the campers even arrived. Staff members came ready to to work hard during Camp Preparation Week. The staff's expectations were met and exceeded. By the time Tanah Keeta was ready to open for campers, the staff's hard work was evident as camp looked better than ever.

Some of the many highlights of camp were: Out Post, The Wednesday Extravaganza, the newly created Scoutmasters' Award, and last but not least, the Friday Troop competitions.

Out Post, a fairly new program, taught early American Frontier skills along with Native American crafts. Indian Dancing was also featured at the Out Post.

Once again Program director Troy Rinks produced another smash hit, entitled "Robin Hood: Men In Tights," which was performed as part of the Wednesday Night Show. One parent commented, "The scouts rendition of 'Robin Hood: Men In Tights' was the best show I've ever seen at Tanah Keeta."

The Scoutmasters Skill Award, the most recent addition to the Summer Camp Program, offered a variety of activities and learning experiences to Scoutmasters. Scoutmasters were also given a chance to teach a portion of a class as one of the Skill Award requirements.

The Friday Troop Competitions offered troops a chance to compete against each other, and to show team work. One Scout said, "... I think it was a great way to bring troops together and show Scout Spirit."

The staff was able to see the fruits of their labor through all the compliments from the Scoutmasters. Everyone is anticipating an exciting next summer due to the 1994 Summer Camp's success. Special thanks should go to Camp Director Bruce Garwood, Assistant Camp Director Kevin Murphy, and Program Director Troy Rinks, who will all be returning in their same roles for Tanah Keeta 1995.

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Fares Well at NOAC, Bringing Home Honors

This last August, twenty-five members of our Lodge embarked upon a journey to Purdue University to participate in the 1994 National Order of the Arrow Conference. This gathering of lodges from around the country was an awesome experience allowing arrowmen to have a lot of fun while participating in many special events over a five day period.

Besides daily shows and seminars, there were many competitions, including sports, ceremonies, publications, and Native American singing and dancing. The Aal-Pa-Tah sports squad played in volleyball, basketball, and lastly bowling, in which we disgraced O-Shot-Caw with a humiliating defeat. In the area of ceremonies, our team placed well, having Chris Miller make it into the top ten in the nation for the part of Allowat Sakima in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony and Dane Wielins placing first in the nation for the Vigil Ceremony. With over half of our contingent being Native American dancers, Aal-Pa-Tah was honored to have both Bill Armstrong and Ethan Wilcox compete among the top ten in the nation in Grass Dancing. At it's conclusion, Bill Armstrong was awarded Second Place.

Those nightly shows previously mentioned, were truly amazing, full of enthusiasm, special tributes, and comedy. Especially breathtaking was the Native American Dance Show, in which the fifty top dancers from around the nation competed in 5 different styles of dance in a spectacle of footwork and feathers. Daily seminars informed brothers on everything ranging from Native American beadwork and flute making to Lodge Weekends and O.A. History.

The Founders' Day Festival provides an opportunity for lodges to show off their lodge history

and activities by constructing a display which portrays their lodge and section spirit. Greg Miller, our former Lodge Historian, organized a display which earned us a picture in the NOAC Times, the National Conference Newspaper. Our display proclaimed our state to be the "citrus capital of the world" as we deposited citrus fruits into the eager hands of arrowmen from around the country.

Not only did we have a contingent which went to NOAC, but we also had a number of brothers on the NOAC Staff. The following is a list of all those arrowmen who represented our Lodge:

Youth

Bill Armstrong
 Brian Bolder
 Frank Fitzpatrick
 Adam Kazmarek
 Eric Mason
 Dan Lesniak
 Chris Miller
 Greg Miller
 Brett Ogle
 Art Polnasek
 Wes Purnell
 Eric Spurgen
 Dane Warlik
 Eathan Wilcox

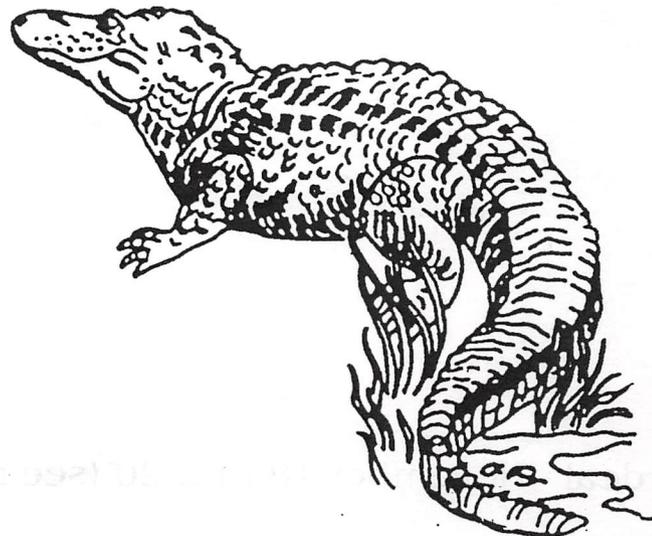
Adults

Bill Armstrong Sr.
 Ted Bowlder
 Craig McGarah
 Elam Patterson
 Joe Wilcox

Staff

Barry J.F. Ekle
 Chris Fore
 Richard Fore
 Thom Kennedy
 Kevin Murphy
 Troy Rinks
 David Weda
 Dane Wielens

All in all, NOAC was a great experience for all those attending and we look forward to the 1996 NOAC. Special thanks goes to our NOAC Chairman, Brett Ogle and his advisor, Mr. Armstrong. Also thanks to Troy Rinks, for designing our NOAC flap, and Shannon Wiley, for designing our NOAC hats and shirts.



Section Seminars - November 11-13

The Section Seminars will be held November 11 thru 13, at Camp Miles. The Seminars provide arrowmen from the section with an opportunity for training at a more in depth level than is available at the Section Conference. The seminars includes specialized training in Ceremonies, Administration, and Native American Craft.

The cost of the weekend is \$14, plus transportation. Interested Arrowmen should contact Pat Foradori at 589-3318 for more information on attending this worthwhile event.



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Lodge Ordeal - November 18 thru 20 (see inside for the latest information)