What do you get when you put 7,200 Arrowmen on a college campus? You get the only place in the nation where 7,200 people are all ordering pizza every night! You also get the National Order of the Arrow Conference – better known by the acronym NOAC. O-Shot-Caw Lodge took 80 Arrowmen up with the contingent and approximately 10 staff members working in various areas. As you can see, O-Shot-Caw definitely made their presence known to all in attendance! At NOAC, Arrowmen have millions of possibilities. All contingent members registered for training cells prior to the conference. They then attended their respective cells during the first three days of NOAC. The opening show was a hit! The Shows Committee promoted what a scout could do at NOAC along with the unveiling of the new “Strategic
Chiefly Speaking…

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to the 2002-2003 Lodge Year. I would like to thank the members of the lodge for once again electing me to the position of Lodge Chief. It is the greatest job in the Boy Scout program and I feel honored to once again serve at the post. This summer our lodge accomplished many wonderful tasks. First was summer camp at Camp Lone Oak. The summer camp staff this year was remarkable. As a matter of fact, members of other councils praised the Camp Lone Oak staff! I strongly believe that the success of the staff was due to over 90% being members of the Order of the Arrow. Speaking of the OA at camp, this year was a huge success! The O-Shot-Caw Lodge put on a wonderful show and crystallized the spirit of the Order into the production. Our Native American teams performed along with the showcase of O-Shot-Caw’s very own game show, “Who wants to be an Eagle Scout?” You can read more about the actual show in this issue of The Patchwork. Nevertheless, the Order of the Arrow impact was a great force at the McGregor Smith Scout Reservation. Following the weeks of scout camp, O-Shot-Caw geared up and made final preparations for the 2002 National Conference at the University of Indiana. 80 Arrowmen comprised the contingent and over 10 members of the staff at NOAC. At every NOAC, Arrowmen have the opportunity to choose what they want to do. Whether they attend classes or order pizza all day, it’s their decision. However, our lodge wanted to win the NOAC Spirit Award so we needed Arrowmen attending classes to satisfy one of the requirements. On that note, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that we [O-Shoot-Caw] are a recipient of the 2002 NOAC Spirit Award! To go along with the spirit award, our Ceremonies team double medalled in the Call-Out ceremony and competed in both Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Our Dance and Drum team also competed. The Drum team took 6th place in the national competition and our Dance team placed 2nd – a very humbling experience. The remainder of the conference was unforgettable! We traveled to Chicago following the conference and toured the area. If you want to go to NOAC 2004 at Iowa State, contact a lodge officer and let him know.

Some things to look forward to are the Fall Ordeal (October 11-13, 2002) and the Haunted Forest (October 26, 2002). Both events will take place at Camp Seminole. Again, thank you for re-electing me and I leave you with the words of Albert Schweitzer, “I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

WWW,

Josh Levenson
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
2000-
Plan” for the Order. Moreover, every Lodge Chief was asked to place their lodge flap on the board symbolizing that they too would implement the Order’s new strategic plan. The following night was the History Show. On this night, all of the Distinguished Service Award recipients are honored along with the Red Arrow Recipients. Past Lodge Chief, Bobby Kuntsman, was awarded the DSA for outstanding service on a national level. Our lodge was also recognized as a 2002 National Service Award Recipient in front of the whole nation! On Monday, O-Shot-Caw woke up ready to compete in both the Group Dance competition and the Drum Team Competition. The dance team took a year of preparation for NOAC. Members of the team could feel the healthy dose of anxiety flowing through their veins. When 1:20 hit, the dance team took stage and put on the performance of a lifetime! The team danced its way to a 2nd place finish in the nation right behind the returning champions: Eswau Huppeday.

Members of the dance team went on to teach the entire lodge the catfish dance! Congratulations to Eswau Huppeday. However, let it be known that come 2004, O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be the ones dancing on stage at the arena show. The Drum Team also made an impact on the competition at NOAC. They drummed into the finals and finished 6th in the nation. The Monday night show was the AIA show, where the top dancers were showcased from around the nation. Following the arena show, Section S4S hosted the 2002 NOAC Section Gathering. O-Shot-Caw, being the largest contingent from the Section, outcheered every lodge in attendance. Towards the end of the gathering, all of the lodge chiefs even competed in a “bat spin” competition. On Tuesday, Arrowmen still attended training cells during the day. At night, we attended the Southern Region Gathering and then the Grand Hodag! At the Hodag, Arrowmen traded cube pieces with one another to complete the 2002 NOAC cube. The final day of NOAC was on Wednesday. This day was also known as Founder’s Day. O-Shot-Caw set up a booth and handed out booklets about vacationing in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Or as Greg Weiner would say, “the four different editions of the Fort Lauderdale booklet.” Later in the day, our lodge learned the result of certain competitions we entered. Our website was named an “Honor Website.” Only 19 lodges out of 79 entries attained honor distinction. To visit our award-winning site, visit www.o-shot-caw.org. The Patchwork newsletter received “National Standard” but that is extremely debatable. I mean come on… do you really think there is a better publication out there than The Patchwork? You would be kidding yourself. After winning first place on a section level for two years in a row, you would think that is good enough for National Honor. In any event (can’t you tell the editor was a little upset?) our lodge also won another coveted award: the 2002 NOAC Spirit Award. This specially designed glass flame sits side by side to the 2000 NOAC Spirit Award won two years earlier. “We’ve got spirit! Yes we do!” The closing show that night was play titled “Passages.” Actors, who were all Arrowmen, put on an amazing performance and really made Arrowmen realize that they must test themselves and so discover. After NOAC, our Lodge went the following locations:

Indianapolis
Speedway, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Hancock Observatory, Navy Pier, and many fine dining establishments. O-Shot-Caw had a wonderful NOAC experience! A big thanks goes out to CHRIS MILLER for planning and coordinating this voyage. If you are interested in attending NOAC 2004 at Iowa State, please contact the lodge officers on how to reserve a spot. “Who can knock O-Shot-Caw down? NOBODY NOBODY YEAH!
To-Hopki-Lagi
Hello everyone. Last year was a better year, but this year will be an even better year. We plan to have our new t-shirts ready for the Fall Ordeal for starters. We plan to make once again a great showing at the Haunted Forest and plan to make our display only better. We also plan to give Pocca-Tooka a run for their money for the Golden Arrow, Rusted Arrow, and Best All-Around Chapter. I'll just leave it at that, and the rest will be shown at lodge events.

Courtney Bays

Hnu-Ra-Con
The Hnu-Ra-Con chapter is off to a great start. Haunted Forest plans are almost complete and we are looking forward to the event. We are planning a chapter fellowship and are setting up a service project to put in a nature trail at camp Seminole. See everyone at the Haunted Forest.

Eric Vreeland

Tomoka
Brothers, welcome back. We, the Tomoka Chapter, are looking for another great and exciting year with the chapter and lodge. We are looking to build on the past years and move to higher heights. If you are in the Pioneer district you are in the Tomoka chapter.

Andrew Azevedo

Pocca Tooka

~Honor Chapter~
http://www.fireballdistrict.org/oa.htm
Brothers of O-Shot-Caw, I am Andre Cupas, the newly elected Chapter Chief of the 2001-2002 Best All-Around Chapter. Pocca-Tooka Chapter was presented with this honor at the Summer Ordeal. Edging out the previous champion - Gokhos Chapter - was hard but fun. We're looking forward to this year; we have many goals to achieve, but we are ready for the challenge. Our First Goal is to achieve the Best All-Around Chapter of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge for a second year in a row. Second win the Tom Tatham Spirit Award Champions and Quest for the Golden Arrow Champions for a third year in a row. Third, try as hard as possible to earn the Golden Pumpkin. So, as you can see, we plan a sweep this year! WIN ALL COMPETITIONS. We have already started planning our Haunted Forest display for the big event, triple in size from the previous years. We hope to catch everyone's eyes with two castles. We're also getting the word out to our district and there families . . . Youth to Youth and Adult to Adult is the plan to get the word out. Our chapter had eight members attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference - an exciting event that everyone should have the opportunity to attend. Just a note: The year has barely begun and Pocca-Tooka has already accomplished over 200 man-hours of service and raised money for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. So just remember our goals are high for the year, WATCH OUT. Pocca-Tooka Chapter just might give other chapters a little tear.

Andre Cupas

~Committee Reports~

Ceremonies
As your new chairman of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Ceremonies Team, I’m looking forward to an interesting year and a great turnout at all of the events. I am also glad to announce the success of our team at this year’s NOAC. I would also like to commend Daniel Smith for contributing his leadership skills for the team. I hope that everybody who attended this year’s NOAC had a blast and plan on returning in 2004. The ceremonies team will be holding practices once a month and practicing prior to all ordeals. If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the team, or has any questions about call outs, meeting

Luigi Spasiano

Gokhos
~Honor Chapter~
The largest chapter in the lodge is looking forward to a very successful year this year. We are currently planning for the Fall Ordeal and the Haunted Forest. We have set our goals for the year and we know what we need to accomplish them. I hope to see everybody at the Fall Ordeal.

Eric McAlpin

~Honor Chapter~

Paldani
The Paldani Chapter is looking to have one of the best years. We will be competing for the Best All Around Chapter Award, this year we hope to win and move up from an honor status. We are looking forward to the Haunted Forest and are looking to have an excellent display. The chapter will also be cooking for the Fall Ordeal, and we will have a large number of our brothers out there to help the chapter.

Luigi Spasiano
The Dance Team

The Dance Team is coming off of a very successful year, taking second in the nation in the Group Dance Competition at NOAC and first in the section. However, we are still looking for new members and are looking for people who are interested in individual dancing. We are planning a Dance Team party for all those who helped us out during the year. If you are interested in joining, please contact me.

Sean Mannix

Elangomat

Hello brothers. I am Gary Kienzle the Elangomat Chairman for this year. If any brother is interested in being an Elangomat for the upcoming Ordeals please call me at 954-680-9947. This year I plan to have all Elangomats trained before the ordeal and also enough at each ordeal. I will be implementing the Extended Elangomat Program to further help increase our brotherhood conversion rate, and also to have a higher number of new brothers attending Chapter and Lodge events. Again, any brotherhood members - youth or adult - interested in being an Elangomat contact your Chapter Chief or myself. If you have any questions about the Elangomat Program please feel free to call me and I will answer your questions. Thank you.

Gary Kienzle

Haunted Forest

Hey everyone! It's that time of year again; you know what I'm talking about. The spooky, the fun, the Haunted Forest! And it's a lot closer than you may think! If you are interested in getting involved, contact me online at thehat68@hotmail.com. We need all the help we can get to make this year's Haunted Forest the best yet! We plan on increasing last year's donation to the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund, and would love it if every chapter came up with something new and exciting to scare those kids out of their socks! Have fun, and see you on October 26th! It'll be a night to remember!

Alex Gomez

Internet

Hey O-Shot-Caw! I've got some great news. Our lodge website won NOAC's Honor Website award. You might notice the shiny new jpeg on the home page. I've poured over the evaluation sheets from NOAC and I think you'll see quite a few improvements soon--a completely new design is in the works! Speaking of new, if any of you have photos you would like to share from NOAC 2002, please get in touch with me A.S.A.P! Meanwhile, you can sign up for the Fall Ordeal using the link on the front page. Be sure to check out the PDFs for the Special Edition Patchwork and staff applications for Camp Lone Oak. That's all for now, but stay tuned!

Rob Burr

Membership

Hello Brothers, I am Brian Sweeney, your new Membership Chairman. I am a sophomore at Fort Lauderdale High School. I took on the responsibilities of this job because I wanted to become more involved with the O-Shot-Caw lodge, the greatest lodge in the country. My goals as Membership Chairman are; to assist with registration at our ordeals, have membership cards ready for all candidates on the Sunday morning following the ordeal so the candidates will have their cards for their first lodge meeting, maintain organized records for all of our Chapter Chiefs, and print labels for Lodge Officers or Chapter Chiefs when requested. I look forward to cheerful service as a member of the LEC, and looking ahead to winning the "Best All-Around Lodge" for the fifth straight year! I can be reached by e-mail at: bsween@attbi.com.

Brian Sweeney

Publications

This is the second issue of The Patchwork for the 2002-2003 Lodge Year. We are currently looking for a new editor for the newsletter. If you into journalism and have a knowledge with computers, you may have scored yourself a position on the L.E.C.! At NOAC, The Patchwork placed national standard. We are not too concerned because we know that O-Shot-Caw produces its publications in a way to meet the needs of the Arrowmen here in south Florida. This issue marks the return of many unique columns: Burning Issues, Arrowman Success, and a full L.E.C. roster. All questions and comments about this issue should be sent to the contact information on page 2.

Josh Levenson
Bobby Kuntsman receives the Distinguished Service Award!

At the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the nation witnessed our very own Robert Kuntsman become a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. The DSA was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is a sterling silver arrowhead, bearing an arrow pointing upward and to the wearer's right, suspended from a white neck-ribbon upon which are embroidered red arrows. Bobby is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, Founder's Award recipient, and serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster. By profession Bobby serves as a dorm adviser at Interlochen School in Michigan. Most recently, he served the Order as the 2000 and 2001 Director of the Northern Tier, and was on OA Trail Crew staff in 1999 and in 2000. Bobby is best remembered here in O-Shot-Caw Lodge as the 1996-1997 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief!

~Committee Reports Continued~

**Quartermaster**

Dear brothers, as this year’s Quartermaster Chairman I have many plans that will help make the lodges shed at Camp Seminole much more organized. Some of which may take lots of time and service most of which will be done over ordeal weekends and other lodge events or I will make time and arrangements with the camp ranger to do the tasks set forth by my predecessor. If you are interested in helping with either service or just giving helpful suggestions on organizing our shed then you can contact me either at the lodge event itself. You can also reach me through phone (954-728-8890) and via email (jbob5886@msn.com) this will be a great year for the Quartermaster committee as well as the lodge. Thank you.

*Chris Mercer*

**Spirit**

Hi, I am Andy Hausman, the new Spirit Chairman! Yahoo! We are going to finish the “265” banners and flags for the Haunted Forest. We are also thinking up new cheers to knock your socks off! If you need anything, please contact me! Viper17ah@aol.com.

*Andy Hausman*

**Trading Post**

Hi my name is Patrick Fitzgibbon I’m the new Trading Post Chairman. We will work to get patches done on time and the Trading Post will make new patches. I’m looking forward to: The Fall ordeal and The Haunted Forest. Hope to see you there.

*Patrick Fitzgibbon*

**Unit Elections**

Hi, My name is **CHRIS GUNDLACH** your Unit Elections Chairman. I am working to update the current election forms for both youth and adult. Chapter Chiefs can make copies for now but next LEC I should have more. At fall ordeal I will be holding a Unit Elections training seminar in the morning so all Chapter Chiefs need to send their Elections Chair or his representative. This is mandatory so please RSVP to me. All youth, unit election forms must be sent to me so send them to: Chris Gundlach, 1349 Middle River Drive Fort Lauderdale 33304-1555. My phone is 954-561-8453, Fax 954-568-0188, e-mail callaway1230@aol.com. The dead line on new elections will be October 4th. Extenuating circumstances will be considered. Any questions e-mail me.

*Chris Gundlach*

**The National Service Award**

Josh Levenson accepts the National Service Award on behalf of O-Shot-Caw Lodge from the Southern Region Chief Nathan Finnin during the National Boy Scout Meeting in New Orleans.
ARROWMAN SUCCESS... BEYOND THE BOY SCOUTS

Since July of 1955 The United States Air Force Academy has been pursuing applicants that have numerous qualifications. These include character, academic excellence, leadership, motivation, medical fitness and physical fitness. The application process is long and challenging in itself. To be eligible to attend college at the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) it is a two-step process. Step one is obtaining a Congressional Nomination. Step two is getting acceptance to the Air Force Academy. Once accepted to the Academy and awarded a congressional nomination you are well on your way to receiving an appointment to the USAFA. The class entering on June 27, 2002 has been the most competitive class ever entering USAFA with over 16,400 qualified applicants competing for 1,200 slots. O-Shot-Caw would like to congratulate one of our very own South Florida Council Boy Scouts for earning both a congressional nomination and then a full appointment to the USAFA. James Trimble of Troop 836, Lighthouse District is an exemplary role model. He was a senior at Nova High School where he was member of the National Honor Society, President & founder of the robotics club, secretary of the chess club, member of French club, and varsity wrestler. He was the O-Shot-Caw ceremonies team chairman, running and participating in ceremonies on behalf of the Lodge for the past two years. James also had the pleasure of attending NOAC 2000, National Jamboree, Northern Tier High Adventure, and numerous summer camps. Along the way he was earning his Eagle rank, Parvuli Dei and Ad Altare Dei religious awards, Meritorious Service Award from O-Shot-Caw Lodge and “Arrowman of the Year” from the Elgixin chapter. The great experience and training he received as a scout, will serve him well at the USAFA. Congratulations on your United States Air Force Academy appointment. Job well done!!

O-Shot-Co-Chee Bowling Tournament, May 19, 2002
The O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s bowling tournament took place this past May. We had approximately 60 Arrowmen at Clover Leaf Bowling Alley and raised $200 for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. Surprisingly, the Nok-Su Chapter walked away as the big winners. With only two people from Nok-Su in attendance, they managed to win Top Youth, Top Adult, and highest overall average for the Chapter. Nonetheless, large Chapters such as Gokhos and the other Arrowmen had a wonderful time. O-Shot-Caw thanks all of its supporters!

Summer Ordeal “The Greatest Ordeal of them all”
The Summer Ordeal lived up to its title of the greatest ordeal ever! On the weekend of May 31 – June 2, 2002, Brothers from the O-Shot-Caw Lodge prepared Camp Lone Oak for summer camp. If you have ever been to a Summer Ordeal, you know this is no easy endeavor. However, we still manage to accomplish it every time. Besides the normal induction procedures that take place throughout the weekend, the Council Of Chapter Chief also meets. The COCC is made up of the Lodge Officers and all elected Chapter Chiefs. They met at the Ordeal for the purpose of deciding the Best All Around Chapter for the 2001-2002 lodge year. The results were as follows: Paldani 3rd Place, Gokhos 2nd Place, Pooca Tooka 1st Place. Congratulations to all three chapters on a job well done. The three Chapters named also hold the distinction of Honor Chapter for the upcoming year. Hopefully next year we will see a bigger showing from all of the chapters. After the announcement of the Best All Around Chapter, the lodge moves into its yearly elections. This year, we saw some fierce competition for the five offices. You can find a biography of the five officers elected in this issue of The Patchwork on page 8. All newly elected officers met following the ordeal to set the Lodge Executive Committee for the year. You can also find a copy of the LEC roster in this issue of The Patchwork. All in all, the ordeal was a huge success. The entire lodge had a great time performing cheerful service. Make sure you are in attendance at the Summer Ordeal next year!!
"Your 2002-2003 Lodge Officers are..."  

Serving as Lodge Chief for the third year in a row is Josh Levenson. He was inducted into the Order in the fall of 1996. Josh served as Allohak Chapter Chief from 1998-2000 and led the Chapter to win both the Golden Pumpkin and Best All Around Chapter. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, Arrowman Service Award, Ner Tamid, and the Founder’s Award “Spirit of Achievement.” His Vigil name is Gishitehen Takachsin, which translates to “Determined Leader.” While Lodge Chief, O-Shot-Caw has remained victorious as Best All Around Lodge in Section S4S, earned both the 2000 and 2002 NOAC Spirit Award and the coveted National Service Award. Josh is an honors student at the University of Miami where he maintains a 4.0 and is an active member of Student Government, Alpha Lambda Delta (National Freshman Honor Society), and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Albert Nuño was reelected as the Second Vice-Chief. Albert entered the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 1998 and sealed his ties in Brotherhood a year later. At the Lodge level, Albert has served as Assistant Brotherhood Chairman, Brotherhood Chairman, and is now serving his second term as your Second Vice-Chief (2001-2003). Albert attended both NOAC 2000 and the 2001 National Jamboree. Albert is a Life Scout of Troop 534 and is a senior at Southwest Miami Senior High maintaining a 3.0 Grade Point Average. Albert plans to attend FIU after High School.

Greg Wiener has been elected as the O-Shot-Caw Lodge First Vice Chief. He was inducted into this great and honored Order in the winter of 1999. One year later, he became a brotherhood member. In the Gokhos Chapter, Greg held the position of Chapter Vice-Chief and then assumed all responsibilities as Chapter Chief that same here. Greg remained at the helm of Chapter Chief for two years. During his term of office, Gokhos was named the Best All Around Chapter. While a Chapter Chief, Greg also supported the L.E.C. as the Camp Promotions and Haunted Forest Chairman on separate occasions. At the 2002 Lodge Banquet, Greg was bestowed with the Vigil Honor. His Vigil name is Quentschquney; being interpreted is “Panther.” As a Life Scout from troop 340, Greg attended the 1997 and 2001 National Jamboree, 2000 and 2002 NOAC, and Philmont in 2000. He has worked at Camp Lone Oak since 1999. In school, he is a senior at St. Thomas Aquinas maintaining membership in NHS and a 4.5 GPA.

Brian Polino was inducted into the O-Shot-Caw Lodge in the winter of 2001. One year later, he sealed his ties in the Brotherhood. He quickly joined the L.E.C. as the First Year Arrowman Chairman in the 2001-2002 Lodge Year. In Scouting, he is a Life Scout from Troop 175. Brian had the privilege of attending the 2001 National Jamboree and the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference. He is student at Saint Anthony’s Catholic School where he maintains an “A+” average. In the sporting world, Brian is a member of the school’s baseball and track team. Brian looks forward to cheerfully serving the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge!

Logan Templeton was elected as the lodge’s Treasurer. Logan was inducted in the OA in the summer of 2000. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. Logan is best known for his enthusiastic attitude and quick-witted humor. He is an Eagle Scout from Venture Crew 4. He has served two years on the Camp Lone Oak staff, attended the 2002 Section Conference, 2002 NOAC, and Philmont Scout Ranch. He is currently a sophomore with a 3.6 GPA.
The 2002-2003 O-Shot-Caw Best All Around Lodge Executive Committee

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Few organizations in the world can change the life of a person in just one week. The Boy Scouts of America, Camp Lone Oak Summer Camp Staff, distinguishes itself as one of these elite few. During the weeks of Scout Camp, Boy Scouts from all over Florida (and even Bogotá, Colombia!) experienced the joys of summer camp. What makes Camp Lone Oak the best summer camp program is the influential staff that runs the program. A camp can have top of the line facilities, excellent promotions, and a wonderful location; but if the staff isn’t any good, than all those amenities are worthless. Camp Lone Oak’s Staff is, without a shadow of a doubt, the best group of Boy Scouts assembled. Heading up the staff this year was returning Camp Director Paul Anderson, Program Director Joe Brandon, and Programs Commissioners Josh Levenson and Ron Bell. The Arrowmen here at The Patchwork can rave and rave about the superior staff at Lone Oak, but it is only right that we also talk about the great programs and of course Order of the Arrow influence that took place this summer. When a Troop arrived on Sunday, instead of the usually lengthy check-in procedure, the troop was given a time for the Scoutmaster to meet with the Business Manager the next day to handle the financial end of camp. This expedited the check-in immensely and allowed troops to focus more attention on setting up camp. Members of the staff gave troops a tour of the camp and all the necessary information to stay active throughout the week. On Sunday night, the staff put on the opening show to welcome everyone to Scout Camp. Following the opening show, Merit Badge sign-up took place. In the past, Merit Badge sign-up would usually just mean one square in the middle of the Program Shelter for Scouts to clutter around. Not this year! Merit Badge sign up was ten times better this year, because each department would make a square out of four tables at different areas of the Program Shelter. This gave the Scouts more room to more around and it spread the hundreds of Scouts out so there was no shoving. During the day from Monday to Friday, Scouts had the opportunity to work on Merit Badges. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night was the Lone Oak cinema!

Colombian Scouts dance the night away after the OA Theme Show!!!

The 2002 Camp Lone Oak Staff rocked the summer!
ORDER OF THE ARROW DAY AT CAMP LONE OAK!

“WHO WANTS TO BE AN EAGLE SCOUT? ®”

Now that we have discussed the overall camp program, it is only right that we talk about how the Order of the Arrow, O-Shot-Caw Lodge impacted the summer camp program. Wednesday officially became “OA Day.” Arrowman from both the staff and the troops would wear their favorite OA Shirt during the day and their OA sash to the evening programs. Mostly all staff members wore either the 2002 or 2001 Section Conference shirt (the John Gundlach originals!). During the day, campers still took part in their respective merit badge classes. At night, the entire camp gathered for the OA Theme Show. This year the show has a new twist to it. The camp was divided into 6 separate patrols [teams] for the game show later in the program. Josh Levenson started the show off by welcoming all of the troops and giving a brief history on both the Order of the Arrow and O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Following the introductory remarks, the lodge’s dance team took center stage and performed: The Welcome Stomp, Blackbird, and Catfish. After performing these dances, the lodge’s drum team performed a number of songs for the audience. It was the decision of the lodge officers to put both Native American performances in the beginning of the OA Show to leave more room for the newly added game show. Once the drum team was done singing, they remained on stage and provided background music for the OA Call-Out ceremony. Any troop that took part in a Unit Election was invited to partake in the call-out. The highlight of the Theme Show was the new game show created by O-Shot-Caw Lodge: “Who Wants to be an Eagle Scout? ®” This show was not like the one you see one TV. In order to understand how this show worked, you have to know how the stage was set up. The troops were separated into 6 different sections – all of which were given a Patrol name (Alligator, Bear, Bobcat, Ibis, Shark, and Wolf). Each section then had to select one scout who was the youngest first year scout at his first summer camp. Those six representatives then sat on the stage for the whole camp to see. They were all given enlarged letters to hold up as an answer to the questions asked to them. The first set of questions came from the “Scout Rank” then the “Tenderfoot Rank” and so on. As the ranks increased, so too did the difficulty of the questions. In the end, there was a winner and a runner up. Both winners received a gift certificate for a free T-Shirt at the camp trading post. Moreover, the winner became an Eagle Scout in the making. After the game show, the camp staff served Ice Cream to the entire camp. As the campers ate Ice Cream, they also danced to the music playing over the sound system.

Of all the nights in the week, there is no doubt that OA night was the highlight of the week! For more information on OA night and how the OA influenced the summer camp program, contact any one of the Lodge Officers.

Greg Wiener and Manny Mendez “bust-a-move” during OA Night!!

Bradley Herrmann made a wonderful game show host for “Who Wants to be an Eagle Scout? ®”
Question: What criteria do the National OA Committee members use for choosing sites for NOAC’s and other national events? Furthermore, which locations have been chosen for future national events?

Answer: For NOAC, the national OA committee evaluates sites using the following criteria. The site must contain beds, cafeterias and an air-conditioned facility for shows that can handle 7,000 Arrowmen, 150 classrooms available in close proximity, large athletic facilities and large indoor/outdoor area for Founder’s Day, EXPO and TOAP.

The 2002 conference was held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and, the 2004 conference will be held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. For the 2006 conference, the committee has visited the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, however no decision was made.