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Section S4S Seminars

By: Chaz Pinna

Section Seminars, the "learning weekend" for Section S4S. November 11, 12, and 13, 2005 was held at Camp Sand Hill Scout Reservation on the west coast of Florida. The camp was only about 5 hours away. O-Shot-Caw brought a contingent of about 50. And for those 50 arrowman it was a great weekend.

Section Seminars is a weekend where all the lodges in Section S4S, come together to teach and learn. The seminars had a variety of topics such as Scout Reach, Unit Elections, how to run a successful chapter, history of the Order of the Arrow, history of our section and many more. The purpose of the seminars is to teach skills to arrowman, that then bring back what they learn to their lodge to improve it. Some O-Shot-Caws

leaders even taught a few class. The classes were held in the morning and afternoon. The food was great, and just made the weekend better. Our lodge also gave the close out report for the 2005 Section Conference, which was a success. In the late afternoon it was time for fun. There were many Indian based games. There was one game that had two teams, each with ten scouts each. Every one had their own 5-foot stick. There were two goals and a sock with two tennis balls on each end. And you had to toss the balls through the goals with your stick. It was really fun.

After dinner there was a great Powwow that exhibited many great dances including some of O-Shot-Caws own dancers and drum team. It was a great end to an exciting weekend. There was also constant patch trading, and fellowship. It was truly a great weekend that no one could forget.



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"Chiefly Speaking"

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

I cannot believe over 6 months have already passed since the Summer Ordeal when I was elected Chief of this mighty lodge. So far this year we have had tremendous participation at all of our events. The most recent event was the Winter Ordeal at Camp Everglades. Although we had some cold weather, considered freezing by us Floridians, and a bit of wind, we had no Code 8s, great food, and tons of service was accomplished for the camp. I would like to thank all Arrowmen who came out to the ordeal and helped get so much done. Not only did we build a brand new shelter to replace the one destroyed by Wilma, but we rebuilt fire pits, fixed the gates, made camp signs, and painted the showers and mess hall. I would like to give a special thank you to my fellow lodge officers, chapter chiefs, and the rest of the Lodge Executive Committee for a great weekend. Congratulations to all new ordeal members. Take advantage of the opportunities the Order of the Arrow provides and your journey in the OA will be life changing.

Coming up on the calendar are two great events that I know you will want to attend. First is our Lodge Banquet, March 3-5 2006 at Camp Seminole; next, we get to travel to Camp La-No-Che for the 2006 Section S-4S Conference. Lodge Banquet is the highlight of O-Shot-Caw's year and is my favorite event to attend. With your help the Lodge Banquet will be the biggest and best that our lodge has ever hosted. Not only do we have chapter competitions, training seminars and great food, but Saturday night your family and friends are invited to our banquet style dinner to hear what our lodge has accomplished over the past year. A month later is the Section Conference where we can show other lodges from across the state of Florida the spirit of our lodge while we compete in athletics and the Best All Around Lodge Competition.

I am excited for what our Lodge will accomplish in the 2006 year and cannot wait for events like Lodge Banquet, Section Conference, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference this summer. If anyone ever has any questions do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call.

Yours in Service,
Geoff Landau
 Geoff Landau
 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief



“Section S4S Conference”

This year's Section Conference the Tipisa Lodge will be the host and it will be held at Camp La-No-Che. The conference will be on April 21-23, 2006, so make plans now to go. The Section S4S Conference will feature fantastic training seminars, lodge competitions and American Indian events, such as Native American dancing. The Conference will also include terrific leadership training, craft, and skill training, the Quest for the Golden Arrow and other Conference competitions,



American Indian activities such as individual dance, Lodge dance, and lodge drum competitions, and ceremonies competitions.

As usual it will be a wonderful fellowship with delicious meals, spectacular evening shows and section officer elections. Of course who can forget... the Best All Around Lodge Competition, which the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge plans on winning for the eighth consecutive time. So don't just come out for the training or the competitions or the fun also come to support your Lodge!

To find out more about the 2006 Section Conference log on to:
www.sections4s.org/conf

“Native American Corner”

By: Denison Wiedman

The Calusa (kah LOOS ah) lived on the sandy shores of the southwest coast of Florida. These Indians controlled most of south Florida. The population of this tribe may have reached as many as 50,000 people. Calusa means "fierce people," and they were described as a fierce, war-like people. Many smaller tribes were constantly watching for these marauding warriors. The first Spanish explorers found that these Indians were not very friendly. The explorers soon became the targets of the Calusa attacks.



A picture of the Calusa after a hunting trip

The Calusa lived on the coast and along the inner waterways. They built their homes on stilts. The Calusa are considered to be the first "shell collectors." Shells were discarded into huge heaps. Unlike other Indian tribes, the Calusa did not make many pottery items. They used the shells for tools, utensils, jewelry, and ornaments for their shrines. Shell spears were made for fishing and hunting.

Shell mounds can still be found today in many parts of southern Florida. Environmentalists and conservation groups protect many of these remaining shell mounds. One shell mound site is Mound Key at Estero Bay in Lee County. Its construction is made entirely of shells and clay. This site is believed to be the chief town of the Calusa, where the leader of the tribe, Chief Carlos lived.

They were great sailors. They defended their land against other smaller tribes and European explorers that were traveling by water.

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"Native American Corner Continued"

The Caloosahatchee River, which means "River of the Calusa," was their main waterway.

The Calusa tribe died out in the late 1700s. Enemy Indian tribes from Georgia and South Carolina began raiding the Calusa territory. Many Calusa were captured and sold as slaves.

In addition, diseases such as smallpox and measles were brought into the area from the Spanish and French explorers and these diseases wiped out entire villages. It is believed that the few remaining Calusa Indians left for Cuba when the Spanish turned Florida over to the British in 1763.

"2006 Lodge Banquet approaching swiftly"

By: Jamie Nelson

So far, this year has been a blast. But, it's not at an end yet. Our annual Lodge Banquet is approaching swiftly and will be held on March 3-5. Hopefully, it will still be held at Camp Seminole. In fact, that will be the first time the camp is going to be open since the Hurricane.

Every year, we attend the lodge banquet for many reasons. Great food, fellowship, and so much more. We start Friday night with a great performance done by ceremonies team for the brotherhood ceremony. And then on Saturday morning arrowmen are given the opportunity to attend seminar classes on many aspects of the order of the arrow. Some of which are ceremonies seminars, and chapter leadership seminars. Then of course, in the afternoon we find out which chapter wins the best all around chapter award. Two consecutive years the Elgixin Chapter has won the best all around award. Let's see who will take the prize this year. Chapters also compete in competitions such as the volleyball competition, and the Seminole Run, where chapters pick four arrowmen to compete and win. One to ride the bike to the lake, two to row the canoe, and one to run to the finish line.

The food always tastes amazing. We also have many awards that are given out after the feast on Saturday night. Some of these are: the first year arrowmen award, golden pumpkin, the rusted arrow for adults and the golden arrow for youth, and the awarding of the Vigil Honor. This is one event you do not want to miss out on. Hope to see you there!



**Pictures from last year's
Lodge Banquet.**

“2006 Winter Ordeal”

By: Lenny Schrager

Through the heat, wind, rain, and the cold, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge still stuck together at this years winter ordeal held at Camp Everglades. Friday night while candidates eagerly awaited their induction, the ceremonies team was already preparing and setting up for the pre-ordeal ceremony. The mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge ceremonies team worked together as a team through thick and thin and preformed the first pre-ordeal ceremony in the pouring rain.

Saturday morning brought a delicious breakfast -- thanks to the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter -- and the beginning of the day's work projects. Among the many tasks that needed to be accomplished, building a new roof for the Owl campsite shelter was one of our top priorities. The old roof, which had been damaged from the many hurricanes we received this season, collapsed and completely torn apart. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge was more than happy to fix it for not only South Florida

Council but also for Everglades National Park. While mostly adults and some youth were working on building the new roof, the ordeal candidates were put to arduous labor and weeded out the nature trail. Other candidates were mixing cement and using it to cement all of the loose stones that make up the fire rings at camp and the gates were fixed as well.

As we all know Camp Everglades and Everglades National Park is a pretty primitive area and they try to keep it as natural as possible. So as one of the work projects we water -proofed the only two showers there. Along with the showers we also painted the support beams of the main shelter. When all the work projects were done and finished the ceremonies team started to prepare again for the ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies.

After the feast, Ghokos Chapter held the Brotherhood Bash. And congratulations goes out to Dan Stopnick who ate nine bananas in five minutes and then ate another two the next morning for breakfast.



Fire rings being fixed.



Dan Stopnick and his bananas.



The Owl Shelter being rebuilt.



RJ Smith made a huge pancake!



“Wilderness Voyage”

Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage, Northern Tier, MN

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors to better enjoy their experience.



The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" to the Height of Land, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

If you are interested in OA Trail Crew then log on to <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>. Also, if you are worried that you will not be able to have enough money to attend then the JAACF through our lodge may be able to help you pay.

The Patch received when you go to
OA Wilderness Voyage.



Scenes from Northern Tier: Where OA Wilderness Voyage is held.

Pictures from the Section Seminars



Jack McLeod dances at the powwow Saturday night.



A drum class at the Section Seminars.



O-Shot-Caw's very own Paul Anderson attended the Section.



O-Shot-Caw Lodge advisor Ron Bell relaxes from a busy day.

Section S4S Vice Chief, Alex Gomez, from O-Shot-Caw is the one who set up and planned the events at the Section Seminars.



“Why should I get my brotherhood?”

By: Jack McLeod



This may or may not be a question many of you are asking yourselves, and to tell you the truth there are a lot of answers to this question. Some people may seal their ties because it's the next step in the process, and others would do it because they wanted to help out the lodge with its brotherhood conversion rates. Of course none of these answers is wrong, but the big question, I think, is the one people don't often ask. It's a question that also has many answers: What is brotherhood.

Brotherhood membership is not a rank or really even a step it's a commitment. When a person, as you may often hear it called, “seals their ties” in the brotherhood they are making a commitment, not only to the lodge, or the OA, but to themselves as well, that they will learn the traditions of the order of the arrow. Essentially Brotherhood is a level of understanding, and brotherhood members may be asked to do things an ordeal member would not be asked to do.

This brings us to why **YOU** should get your brotherhood. As a brotherhood member you will have knowledge, and quickly gain experience which will

help you to be more cheerful and helpful not only in the lodge, but in the outside world too. Think of brotherhood as a doorway to a new way of experiencing life, as a brotherhood member of the Order of the arrow.

Now how do you get your brotherhood? Well first you need to be in the OA for 10 months or more. After that you need to know the obligation, the song, the sign, the handclasp, and the admonition of the Order of the Arrow. You also need to know the four principles (characters) of the ordeal ceremony, and what each principal (character) represents. After that just show up to the ordeal registered as a brotherhood candidate and go to brotherhood counseling (don't worry if you forget everything the night of the ordeal we will help you through it). To learn all this just go to the lodge website at www.o-shot-caw.org, go to the links part and click on the jumpstart icon (you will need your OA handbook). You can also learn all that you need to know from your OA handbook. If you are eligible come to the Lodge banquet and earn your brotherhood.

“Chapter Reports”

Paldani

Paldani Chapter has been surviving through the worst and best of times. With the upset of Hurricane Wilma we could not participate in the annual O-Shot-Caw Lodge Haunted Forest. But that did not dampen our brotherly spirit at all! After the storm we helped our community by sawing apart



trees at the Pines Baptist Church. We also held a garage sale to help raise money for the JAACF. Plus with the season coming upon us, we held our annual Holiday party! Food and fun was had by all while we started planning our next big event, Paldani Putt-Putt! (Coming to a golf course near you soon!!)

-Alex Blandina

O-Shot-Co-Chee

At our last meeting we had 7 scouts attend, This was good because our chapter doesn't have that many members, and it was my first meeting as chapter chief. We are planning to have an OA family night on March 18 and 19.

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We are also trying to put together a bowling activity for May. We are currently trying to plan a service project, and are working on raising \$1000 for the JAACF.

-Julio Rodriguez

Gokhos

The Gokhos chapter recently had their one day of service with a total of 1100 hours of service. On December 12 we had our chapters annual Holiday Fellowship and our Scoutmaster's informational desert at Pine Island District's January Roundtable meeting. Some of our accomplishments



over the last couple of months was that we began collecting dues data collection forms, we ran a toy drive for toys for tots at our fellowship. We are proud to announce that our chapter has a new eagle scout Luigi Li. At our last chapter meeting we planned for our January scoutmaster's dinner, and we planned our Brotherhood Bash for the Winter Ordeal.

-Danny Ramos



Elgixin

One of our recent activities is our one day of service with a total of 216 service hours. At

our last chapter meeting we made plans for contributing to JAAFC and decided to have a patch auction.

-Will Bunnell

Pooça-Tooka

The Pooça Tooka chapter is looking forward to starting a new year. Our chapter would like to wish everyone happy holidays and a happy new year. At our last chapter meeting which was held on December 5, 2005, we had a great turnout and we planned for future events and fun. We meet every first Monday of the Month at Bob Graham Educational center in Miami Lakes.

-Chaz Pinna

"Committee Reports"



Brotherhood

Congratulations to all those who sealed their ties at the last ordeal. Overall 20 brothers sealed their ties in the brotherhood. 230 letters were sent out, and at the Nimat Hike on the Saturday of the winter ordeal we had to make 2 groups, but we still had one ceremony. If you were inducted at the summer ordeal or any ordeal before then you should come to the lodge banquet and seal your ties in the brotherhood. If you need help for brotherhood counseling either refer to your book, or go

to the lodge website. Go to the links section and click on the Jumpstart Icon.

-Jack McLeod

Ceremonies

The ceremonies team is doing great. We have had some new members join us, and we have been working hard with our parts and our costumes. We had a great performance at the winter ordeal. Our team is getting ready for lodge banquet, section and of course NOAC. We plan on having at least 2 teams go to NOAC. We want to make a third, so if there is anyone who wants to join us.



we are always looking for new members. We have fun, we bond and so much more. We all find out what it means to be a ceremonialist. Hope to see some new faces on the mighty ceremonies team.

-Jamie Nelson

Trading Post

So far we have made a new LEC gift patch and we are working on designs for winter ordeal patches. We are also working on a patch design for NOAC and a southern region patch for NOAC as well.

-Mike Hoff

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Publications

The Patchwork is going great. We plan on winning first place again at Section Conference this year. We also plan on placing at NOAC. We are currently looking for a new printer. The next issue of the Patchwork will be out in about mid to late February. Hope you like it! If you would like to write articles for the Patchwork call me at 954-432-7164.

-Lenny Schrager

Drum Team

Recently we sang at a call out for the To-Hopki-Lagi chapter, preformed at an eagle court of honor, sang at the Section Seminars for the evening Pow-Wow, and put on a display for the Girl Scouts Community Day. We have set goals to get more members on the team, win section conference, win the competition at NOAC, to perform at the Lincoln Marti campout, and at Scoutmaster's Camporee.

-Roddy Smith

FYA

Recently, there has been a change in requirements. Instead of a camp promotion, due to the hurricanes, you must now complete five hours of community service by the lodge Banquet. After the

lodge banquet it won't count.

-John Webber

Dance Team

Since winning Section Conference last year and going to compete this NOAC we are always in search of new members and whoever is going to NOAC should join the dance team because it will be another great experience for you. The next dance team meeting is scheduled for the weekend after the winter ordeal. Any questions about practices or joining the team call Denison Wiedman at (305) 557-7527

-Denison Wiedman

Internet

Recently, a lot has been accomplished on our lodge Website. We have posted photo galleries and information from ordeals within 24 hours of the Ordeal's completion. Important information has been posted in a timely manner informing our lodge of cancellations due to the many hurricanes, even last-minute changes to a First Year Arrowman Award requirement. By the time this report is published, hopefully a new addition to our website will be live. At



the bottom there is, a new area entitled "What's happening Chapter by Chapter" is planned. This new area will allow each chapter to communicate detailed news and information about what's happening in each chapter. It will even be an area for briefs such as; who just earned the rank of Eagle Scout, what your chapter needs for the ordeal, or where an upcoming chapter party will take place. Hopefully you'll find these changes beneficial, as we try to change our site to meet the needs of our lodge.

-Jack Sweeny

Elangomat

As the new Elangomat chairman I am very proud to be part of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge LEC. At the Winter Ordeal everything went smoothly. We recently held a training before the ordeal for all elangomats. Some of our goals are to train more elangomats for the summer ordeal. We will need two elangomats to be trained from each chapter, and are currently working on making an Elangomat handbook. We hope to finish it by Section Conference.

-Eric Smith-Norman

Committee Reports Continued

Membership

Currently there are over 300 dues paid members in our Lodge and more filling in as this is written. This is also being written slowly because my hand is tired from signing hundreds of membership cards. Our main goal is to meet our numbers by the end of the fall ordeal. Our other goal is to print and distribute membership cards to every paid member of the lodge. This goal I hope to obtain by getting everyone's card to them in a month of when the payment was made. This committee plans to make a presence at every major lodge function, and if it is possible, every minor one as well.

-Joey Capuzzo

"A family tradition"

Then spoke up the noble Uncas, worthy son of the old chieftain, "O' my father I am ready; Send me on this gracious errand. If we would remain a nation, we must stand by one another". And it was because of Uncas that our traditions in our honor society are still passed on to this day.

As I'm sure you all know, performing ceremonies is a very cherished tradition in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, and the Order of the Arrow. Ceremonialists on the O-Shot-Caw ceremonies team have won countless awards, and most have won NOAC medals. Many of our lodge members are either ceremonialists now, or are past ceremonialists. Some of which are Fred Shapiro, and Tony Licuidini.

The mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge's ceremonies team has recently had a few members join, one of them being Kevin Smith. Before Kevin joined the ceremonies team, his older brother Danny had been on the team. Before Danny, his older brother Matt was on the team. Saturday, of the winter ordeal, Kevin Smith played the role of Kichkinet, and Danny was Allowat Sakima. Then before that, Friday night, Matt Smith preformed the pre-ordeal ceremony filling in for Dan Stopnick, who at the time was getting tested to seal his ties in the Brotherhood.

Saturday night, coincidently, Danny, and Kevin Smith's mother was inducted to the Order of the Arrow.



NOAC 2006
National Order of the Arrow Conference
Michigan State University
July 29- August 6, 2006



On February 18-20, 2006, there will be a NOAC fundraiser giving the NOAC contingent of our Lodge yet another way to lower the \$950 cost to attend.

Contingent members will have the opportunity to earn up to \$150 toward their NOAC fee. The fundraiser will be held at the Coconut Grove Arts Festival on presidents day weekend. Members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge that participate in the fundraiser will be collecting entrance tickets to earn \$50 a day. If you work all three days of the festival—Saturday, Sunday, and Monday-- well, you do the math. This will be a great chance for lodge members planning on attending NOAC to take away some of the pain in your wallet. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested call Geoff Landau: 954-344-3509

For general information about NOAC call Chris Miller: 954-632-5740

“Editor’s Notes”



Dear Brothers,

Thank you so much for your support, it is the most necessary feature, in the production of this newsletter *The Patchwork*. I'd especially like to thank those of you who wrote articles for me and supplied pictures for *The Patchwork*. As you all know my adviser and myself work very hard in putting *The Patchwork* together and mailing it out. If you haven't been receiving *The Patchwork* and you would like to receive it you can contact me at 954-432-7164 or ischrage@bellsouth.net.

Lenny Schrager



“O-Shot-Caw Patches”



O-Shot-Caw Bullion Patches. These are replicas of some of the first patches our Lodge made.



Last year's Lodge Banquet Patch.



An O-Shot-Caw ceremonies patch.

Articles to look for in the next edition of *The Patchwork*:
Lodge Banquet, NOAC, High Adventure, and Much More...

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LODGE CALENDER

Lodge Banquet

March 3-5, 2006
Camp Seminole

Section Conference

April 21-23 2006
Camp La-no-che

Summer Ordeal

June 2-4, 2006

NOAC

July 29-Aug. 6, 2006
Michigan State University

Quotes to Guide the Way

"The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience."

-Harper Lee

"You have the power to control the present by controlling the past"

-George Orwell

"I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught."

-Winston Churchill

"It's important to be optimistic- sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming train

-Lou Holtz



First Vice Chief Denison Wiedman and publications advisor Glenn Gomez relax Saturday morning of the winter ordeal.