



The Patchwork

O-Shot-Caw Lodge



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ArrowCorps5

ArrowCorps5 was the ultimate experience of fellowship and cheerful service an Arrowman could embark on. For those who missed this experience of a life time, here are some of the highlights. On June 20 2008, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Delegation met together at the Miami Lakes Scout Office and began the ride Northward toward the Goshen Scout Reservation, located in Western Virginia.

After arriving and going through registration, members of the delegation were assigned a work site, campsite and crew assignments at either James River or Warm Springs. We then headed off toward our campsite, Camp PMI for the James River crews, and Camp Olmstead for the Warm Spring crews, where we met other Arrowmen from around the country, whom we would be working with during the week.

After settling in, everyone made their way toward their respected dining area. After Dinner all of the Arrowmen were bussed back up to Camp Post for the opening ceremonies. This included a historical lesson on how the Boy Scouts have given service to the nation in the past. It

was here that the delegates from around the nation learned that this was the largest service project the Boy Scouts have undertaken in over 60 years.

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**"Chiefly Speaking"**

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

Fellow Arrowmen, I am honored and privileged to have been elected to serve as your Chief of the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge and I would like to thank our past Officers and Lodge Executive Committee for the time and dedication they put into the Lodge this past year. I want to thank them for creating a sturdy foundation, for which I intend to build on.

I would also like to officially congratulate the other 2008-2009 Lodge Officers: Michael Solomon, First-Vice Chief; Hayden Olive, Second-Vice Chief; James Baker, Secretary; and Steven Boulis, Treasure who were all elected at the Summer Ordeal, hosted at Silver Palm United Methodist Church.

The Summer Ordeal itself was an enormous success. The amount of cheerful service that went into the work projects and the weekend was spectacular. We cleared a ton of invasive species near the OA ring, and leveled a playground that was causing a safety hazard for children.

Congratulations to all the new Ordeal members and may your future in the Order of the Arrow be a bright one. This summer O-Shot-Caw Lodge also took part in the largest service project by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II, ArrowCorps₅, sending the largest contingent in all the United States, to Roanoke, Virginia for a week of cheerful service and fellowship. O-Shot-Caw Lodge contributed over 4,000 hours of cheerful service to the project, and exceeded expectations. That once in a life time experience sure will be one to remember. I want to thank all of the Arrowmen who attended for fulfilling the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

Coming up we have our Fall Ordeal, September 26-29, which will be held at Markham Park. I encourage all of you to come out and participate in a fun filled weekend of service. Registration for the 2008 Fall Ordeal should be available online shortly. Come out and lend a helpful hand!

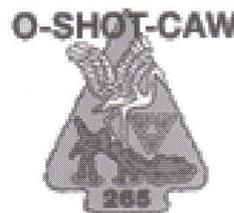
I am excited for this coming year, and I hope to see you at each and every event sharing a laugh with your brothers. O-Shot-Caw Lodge is by far the greatest lodge in the nation, and this coming year we will prove it. Take the time and think about how you can make a difference at the Lodge level, and share what you think. "For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest."

Let us embark on our journey to a legacy.

WWW,

Mark Jelincic

O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief



Summer Ordeal

Contributed by Jeffery Sznajstajler

The 2008 O-Shot-Caw Summer Ordeal was held on the weekend of June 6-8 at the Silver Palm Methodist Church located in Homestead. On Friday night, 49 Ordeal Candidates, 6 Brotherhood Candidates, and over a hundred brothers began arriving at the church. On Friday night the Brotherhood testing was performed. The rest of the night was filled with fun, as our brothers joked and enjoyed their fellowship, while the Ordeal Candidates slept in their tarps.

In the morning, the Ordeal Candidates awoke a bit stiff and walked the mile back to the church. At this time the Brotherhood Members were enjoying a delicious breakfast prepared by the Gokhos Chapter. After breakfast the service projects began. This year's projects included taking down a playground, clearing excessive plant growth, and moving a big brush pile.

At noon, everyone took a needed break for lunch. After the projects were done, the Chapter Chiefs presented their Best All Around Chapter presentations. A select group of judges, led by former Southern Region Chief Alex Gomez graded the Chapters on certain criteria. Paldani Chapter won the competition for the third year in a row.

As the day began to end, the Brotherhood Candidates went on the reflective Nimat hike, while many brothers went to the hut to watch the Ceremonies where the 6 new Brotherhood Candidates sealed their ties and the 49 Ordeal Candidates became brothers. After the Ceremonies everyone walked back to the church, where we had an awesome Italian dinner hosted by Gokhos. The Brotherhood Bash, hosted by Paldani Chapter included balancing water on our heads, sticking our faces in whip cream and spun around. A great time was had by all, and even Mr. Gomez received a pie in the face.

In the morning the First Year Arrowmen had a special breakfast while the rest of us enjoyed a breakfast of cereal and muffins. Scout's Own followed breakfast, which in turn was followed by the Lodge business meeting. Lodge Elections, one of the most important parts of the Ordeal were held next.

The new Lodge Chief is Mark Jelincic, the First Vice Chief is Michael Solomon, the Second Vice Chief is Hayden Olive, the Secretary is James Baker, and the Treasurer is Steven Bolas. After the meeting, we circled up, closed, and went home.



New Ordeal Members



New Brotherhood Members

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Section Conference

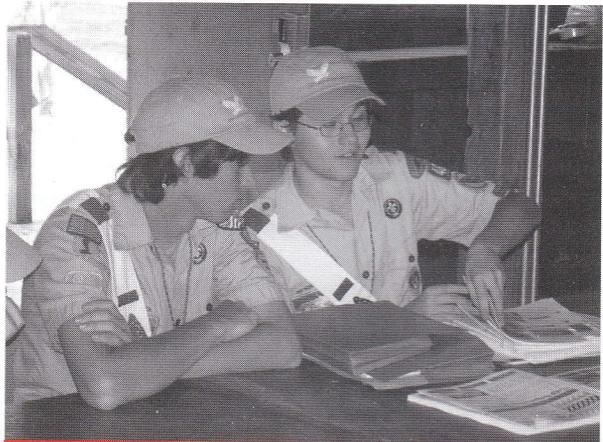
This year's Section Conference was hosted by Osceola Lodge during the weekend of April 11-13. Friday night, Arrowmen from as far away as Southern Georgia joined together at beautiful Camp Flying Eagle. The opening show broke from the norm and contained a wide array of entertainment, beginning with a "green man alien" group that sprayed the audience with shaken up coke-a-cola. The show climaxed with a mini rock concert. After the show the Chapter Chiefs handed out this year's O-Shot-Caw Section shirts and hats. On the back of the t-shirt was a design that incorporated the names of all the chapters.



O-Shot-Caw at Lunch

Saturday began with breakfast. After which the competitions began. Once again Group Dance and the Drum Team took first place in their divisions and the O-Shot-Caw Ceremonies Team Received Honor Team in both Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal, as well as Best Team in Section. O-Shot-Caw received 1st in tug-of-war. Publication took second place in the Newsletter category. O-Shot-Caw took second place in Best All Around Lodge, in a very close race that was decided by only a few points.

Sunday morning people began breaking down camp, and the lodges made their way to the auditorium for Section Elections. The closing show was a riot as the Osceola guys proved their comical abilities in a spoof on Monty Python and the Holy Grail.



Adam and Mike at Publications Competition

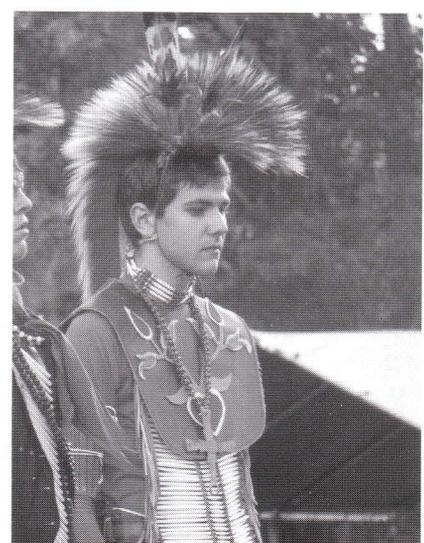
This year Section officers are Quentin Lesser as Section Chief, Sean Ferrier as Vice Chief, Joe Charbonnet as Secretary, and Andrew Self as Historian. After the elections, Arrowmen began heading home still pondering the meaning to this year's section theme; "A Cheerful heart is Lively."



Mike Worley at Best All Around



Morning Flag Ceremony



Jack McLeod at Pow Wow

Paldani Proud to Be Your Brother

Contributed by Lenny Schrager

The first Paldani "Proud to Be Your Brother" was a new fellowship this year hosted by the Paldani Chapter, for the purpose of gathering Order of the Arrow Brothers from all over South Florida, just to hang out and have a good time. The event was held at the West Broward Masonic Lodge, on April 18-19.

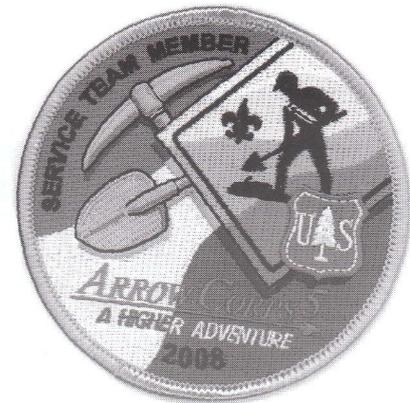
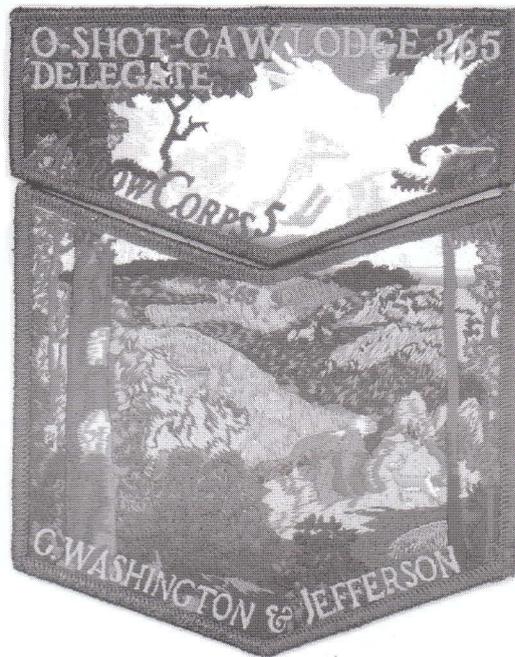
Brothers that attended got to go swimming, play videogames, watch movies, skateboard, listen to music, play football, and eat as much as they wanted. The great thing about this event was that it was completely free of charge to everyone. Arrowmen who attended the event, had lots of fun, and cannot wait to go next year.



"Watch Your Step"



"2 am Rock Band"



Various Arrow Corps5 Patches

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The next morning Arrowmen made their way back to Camp Post where they received a full day of training. Arrowmen learned the proper usage for all the tools they would be handling during the week, as well as safety procedures, the proper way of dealing with potential wildlife encounters and a refresher relating to Boy Scouting's "Leave No Trace" policy.

After the training the Warm Springs work crew packed up their gear, loaded onto the busses and headed out to their worksite where they would spend the week building new trails and campsites for the public to enjoy.

Monday morning the crews were woken bright and early. We rolled out of our cots and knew that the work week had begun. Each crew received their work assignments for the day and headed out to the trails. While the Warm Springs crews worked on new campsites, the James River detachment began the difficult task of carving new trails out of the earth, building multi-use hiking trail. Each day the crews went out to work, and each day the progress multiplied. With the combined effort, Arrowmen managed to build eight miles of new trail, while repairing many more miles of existing trail and refurbishing numerous campsites.

ArrowCorps5 was not all work though. Each Crew was given a day off, during which it's members were given the choice of participating in a variety of recreational activities. This included fly fishing, hiking, climbing, mountain biking, local tours, river canoeing, kayaking or tubing, and whitewater rafting on the New River. Along with this day off Arrowmen enjoyed themselves with a variety of recreations back at camp each day after the days work. This included drumming, fly fishing lessons, and bait crafting, and numerous board and card games.

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"Clean and Ready to Go"



"Gathering for Instruction, Who is Paying Attention?"



"Finalists for the Trailblazer Fashion Show"



"Clearing the Way"

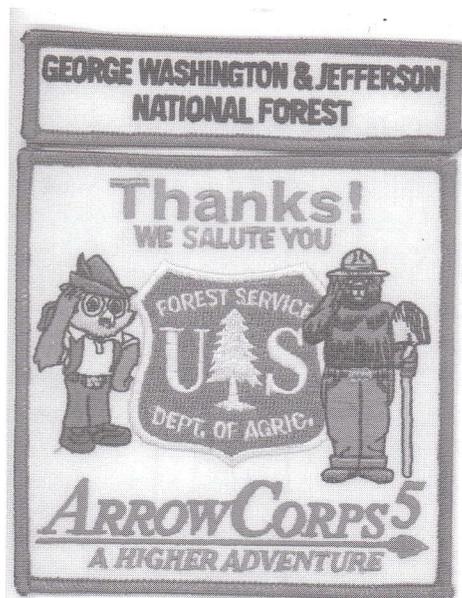
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As Friday came to a close and night began to fall, hundreds of Arrowmen once again made their way toward Camp Post for the closing ceremonies. This included a musical tribute to Smokey the Bear.

Afterwards the O-Shot-Caw delegation met together to receive instructions for packing and the itinerary for the ride home.

Saturday, the delegation stopped in South Carolina for a delicious Ruby Tuesday Dinner, after which, we stopped at a hotel where we spent the night. At the hotel the Arrowmen were given the choice of either spending time in the pool or in their respective rooms. At 11pm lights went out.

Sunday morning we awoke to a warm continental breakfast, loaded up into the vans, and headed South toward home, where we arrived safely in Miami Lakes around 6pm Sunday evening. Ending an experience of a lifetime.



Thanks Gomez for Dinner



The Fire Dancer at Closing Ceremony



We Thank You Too



Where is the Breakfast Line

New O-Shot-Caw Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief - Mark Jelincic

Mark is a Life Scout from Troop 529. Mark is a member of the Pooca Tooka Chapter and the Fireball District. On the lodge level, Mark has served as the Haunted Forest Chairman and the Fundraising Chairman. This year at the Summer Ordeal Mark was elected to the position of Lodge Chief.

1st Vice Chief - Michael Solomon

Michael is a Life Scout from Troop 10. Michael is a member of the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter and the Hurricane District. On a lodge level Michael has served as the Brotherhood Chairman. On a Chapter level Michael, has served as Vice Chief. This year at the Summer Ordeal Michael was elected to the position of 1st Vice Chief of the Lodge.

2nd Vice Chief - Hayden Olive

Hayden is a Life Scout from Troop 529. Hayden is a member of the Pooca Tooka Chapter and the Fireball District. On the lodge level, Hayden has served as the Pooca Tooka Chapter Chief. This year at the Summer Ordeal Hayden was elected to the position of 2nd Vice Chief of the Lodge.

Secretary - James Baker

James is a 1st Class Scout from Troop 10. James is a member of the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter and the Hurricane District. This year at the Summer Ordeal James was elected to the position of Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Treasurer - Steven Boulis

Steven is a Life Scout from Troop 246. Steven is a member of the Elgixin Chapter and the ??? District. Steven is his Troop's current Senior Patrol Leader, and has served as his Troop's OA Representative. This year at the Summer Ordeal Steven was elected to the position of Lodge Treasurer. This is Steven's first Lodge position.



New Lodge Officers

Chapter Reports

Paldani Chapter



Over the past few months, the Paldani Chapter participated in the Section Conference. Members of the Paldani Chapter helped lead the lodge to victory again this year. James Kerr, and Lenny Schragger played Nutiket and Kichkinet (respectively) in the Pre-ordeal Ceremony competition, and helped them win Best all Around Pre-ordeal Team. Lenny Schragger won best Kichkinet tin the Pre-ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies for the 2nd year in a row, and honored in the Vigil ceremony. Michael Worley, won 1st place in the inductions competition along with the best Nutiket in the Brotherhood ceremony, and helped win Best All Around Brotherhood Team. Adam McCord won 2nd place in the Publications Competition. Lastly, Laramy Black helped the Dance team win 1st place in the Group Dance Competition.

After Section Conference, we held our "Paldani Proud to Be Your Brother" fellowship. Everyone had tons of fun and can't wait to go to it next year.

In June, Paldani attended the Summer Ordeal. At the Ordeal, we participated in all of the work projects, and led the lodge in the Saturday night Brotherhood Bash. On Saturday, we participated in the Best All Around Chapter competition. On Sunday it was announced that Paldani had won the Best All Around Chapter competition for the 3rd year in a row.

On June 20th, Paldani attended Arrowcorps5 at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. We are proud to announce that Paldani had the most members out of any other chapter in the lodge attend AC5. Arrowmen had loads of fun at both the main sites- Warm Springs, and James River.

Paldani Chapter meets at the Hollywood West elks Lodge at 7190 Davie Road Extension, Hollywood, FL 33024, every second Monday of the month. You can contact me at ischrage@bellsouth.net. You can reach my Advisor, Glenn Gomez at glennomez@bellsouth.net.

- Lenny Schragger

Gokhos Chapter



The mighty Gokhos chapter is looking forward to an outstanding year. This year Gokhos is planning to go bigger than we ever have in the past! Gokhos is going to take back the Golden Arrow and take the rusted arrow for a second year in a row!

Although we are going to be doing a lot of cheerful service, Gokhos is also planning to have loads of fun activities all year long.

- Mitch Anastasio



OA High Adventure

OA High adventure is one of the most exciting parts of being an OA member. Unlike BSA High Adventure, the OA takes the fun and, challenges and turns it into a unique and life changing experience. There are three OA High Adventure programs currently offered.

OA Trail Crew:

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.



For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

Wilderness Voyage:



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 in northern Minnesota 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 each year to better enjoy their experience.

Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

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

OA Ocean Adventure:

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do.

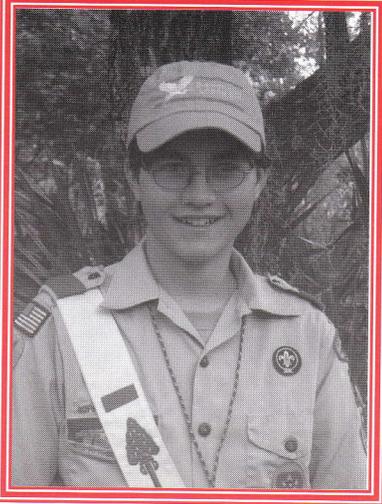


For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills.

The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.



The patches displayed on this page are examples of those received when an Arrowman attends one of the OA High Adventure programs.



“Editor’s Blog”

Dear Brothers,

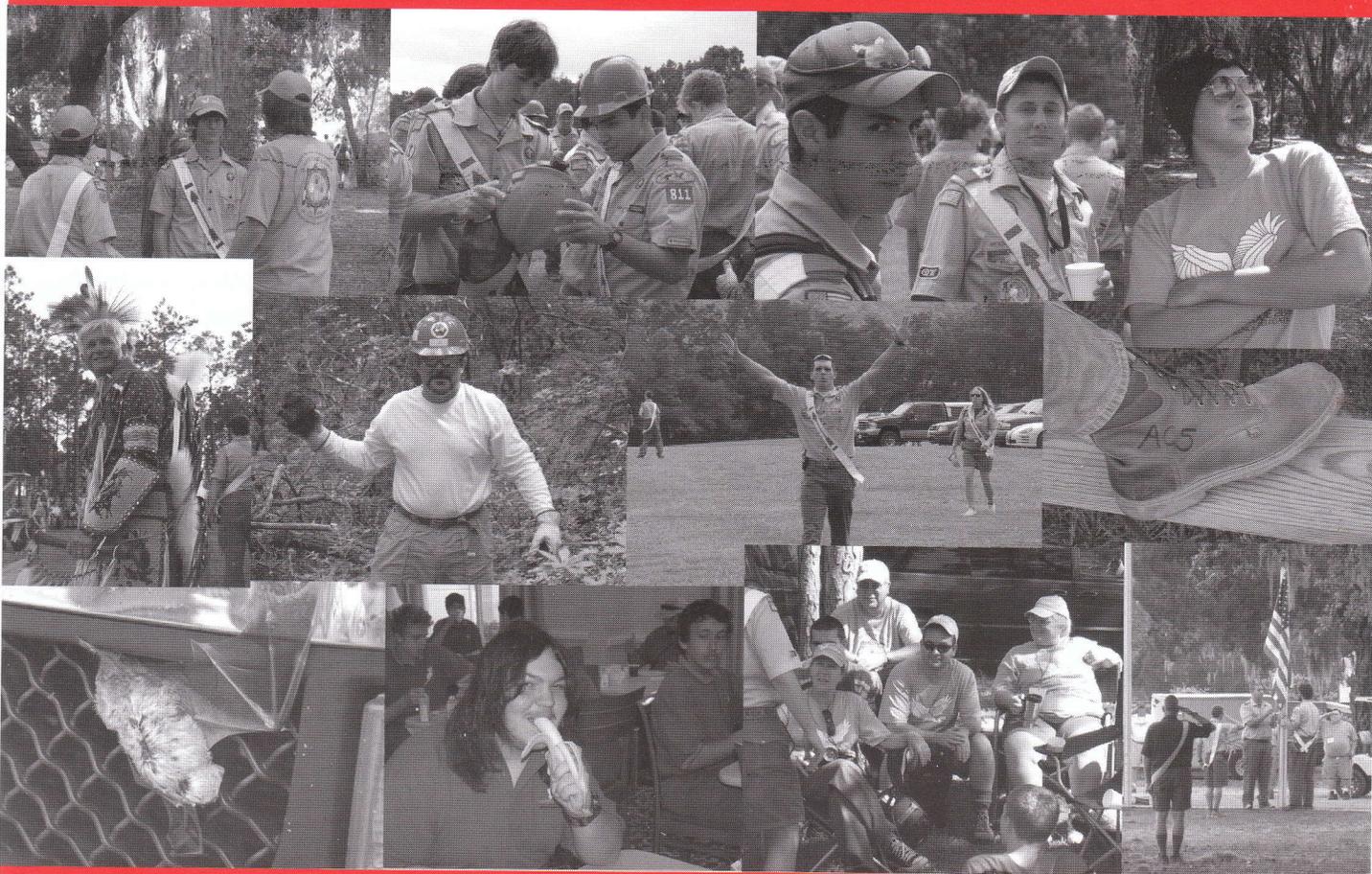
I can't believe this is my fourth issue of serving as Editor-In-Chief of the *Patchwork*. Time, it seems has flown by, leaving plenty to look back on, for these last few months have been full of service and brotherly fun.

Looking back, no experience in my life comes close to ArrowCorps5. This was truly a once in a lifetime chance to give personal time to a national service project. I joined the O-Shot-Caw contingent to George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. I remember arriving at the Goshen Scout reservation on a Saturday afternoon to a sea of hardhats. Arrowmen from around the nation were joining together in the process of registration. I couldn't believe how many Arrowmen were actually there, and it was even more difficult to believe that O-Shot-Caw had in fact brought the largest contingent of brothers. After a long day of training lectures we finally got to see the

trail. The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest is a beautiful part of our country, and it was a privilege to be able to carve the earth and build trails that would be used for generations to come. I remember taking a moment to chat with one of the U.S. Forest Departments finest, who told me that what we Arrowmen had done, would have normally taken decades and cost millions of dollars to complete. He was very grateful and I marveled at what a group of dedicated volunteers can accomplish.

In closing I would like to ask anyone that may have any great pictures of O-Shot-Caw events to please send them my way, and if your Chapter has done anything that you think was tons of fun, please write a short article, 100-200 words is fine, a picture would be great, and then email it to me. Who knows, you may just find your work in the next issue of the *Patchwork*. If anyone has any questions or comments, I can reach me at sam_mcdaine@yahoo.com.

Until Next Issue, *Adam McCord*



Pictures from Section Conference and ArrowCorps5

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LODGE CALENDAR

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

August 21st, 2008 7:30 pm
South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America
15255 NW 82nd Ave
Miami Lakes
Open to Every O-Shot-Caw Member

Lodge Leadership and Development

August 22 -23, 2008
Wynham Palm-Aire Resort
2601 Palm-Aire Drive
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

September 18th, 2008 7:30 pm
South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America
15255 NW 82nd Ave
Miami Lakes
Open to Every O-Shot-Caw Member

Fall Ordeal

September 26-29, 2008
Markham Park
16001 West State Road 84
Sunrise, FL 33326



“Quotes to Guide the Way”

“Our ideals resemble the stars, which illuminate the night. No one will ever be able to touch them. But the men who, like the sailors on the ocean, take them for guides, will undoubtedly reach their goal.”

- Carl Schurz

“You got to be careful if you don’t know where you’re going, because you might not get there.”

- Yogi Berra

“Nobody believes the official spokesman, but everybody trusts an unidentified source.”

- Ron Nesen

“When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

- Josh Billings

“You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.”

- Indira Gandhi

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”

- Abraham Lincoln

“It’s never just a game when you’re winning.”

- George Carlin

“There’s a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.”

- Steven Wright

“The only place where success comes before work is a dictionary.”

- Vidal Sassoon