



# The Patchwork

O-Shot-Caw Lodge



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# Haunted Forest

*Written By: Scott Holmes*

This year's Haunted Forest took place at Markham Park from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>. The weekend was full of great weather and no rain. Chapters began setting up displays Friday night to get a head start on the busy weekend to come. All weekend long members feasted on amazing meals cooked by the *Elgixin Chapter*. Haunted Forest



**DINNER ANYONE?**

Chairman **RJ Hickman** did a great job making sure the weekend went smoothly and without incident. All the Chapters continued on their displays throughout the day into the afternoon. The Chiefs made their walk-around as well as a fire safety inspection by the fire department before dinner was served.

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## “Chiefly Speaking”



Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

I hope you all had a wonderful, fun, and safe Holiday season. It has been a successful year and O-Shot-Caw is looking to 2011 without fear. The Lodge has been right on track continuing down the path of cheerful service. We recently held or attended some successful events like Haunted Forest, Section Seminars, and the Scout Show.

On October 23, 2010, at Markham Park, O-Shot-Caw Lodge held our annual Haunted Forest, one of the largest service events in scouting. Over the course of a day,

Arrowmen put together a massive display to entertain Cub Scouts and families across South Florida. The 2010 Haunted Forest was extremely successful due to all of the hard work and dedication from the Brothers of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Our Lodge raised an astonishing \$20,000 to support the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund which helps to make it possible for Scouts with financial needs to attend summer camp.

Following the Haunted Forest, O-Shot-Caw Lodge attended the Section S4 Seminars. It was a chilly weekend, but still lots of fun. The weekend was hosted by Timuquan Lodge and they did an excellent job running the event.

In December our Lodge volunteered to help with the South Florida Council Scout Show. O-Shot-Caw had an Indian Village display where young scouts got the opportunity to learn more about the Drum Team, Dance Team, and the Order of the Arrow.

It is that time of year to pay your annual dues. Please log on to [o-shot-caw.org](http://o-shot-caw.org) and make your payment. Just around the corner are many exciting events. I can't wait to see you all out there!

It is my pleasure to announce that O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265 is a National Quality Lodge for 2010. This is an outstanding achievement for our Lodge, it is something we aim for because it is the vision the Order of the Arrow has for Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

It has been an extraordinary year for us. I have enjoyed serving as your Chief and I look forward to serving you in 2011.



Yours in Brotherhood,  
*Jonathon Yost*  
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief



# Section Seminars

*Written By: Andres Badel*

On November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge attended the S-4 Section Seminars, hosted by Timuquan Lodge at the Sandhill Scout Reservation in Brooksville.

The seminars were designed to train members in the Order of the Arrow in a variety of skills. Many seminars were offered such as Beadwork, Lodge Publications, Quality Lodge, How to Run a Successful Chapter, and Hotbox (class that answers Arrowmen's burning issues or questions about the Order), as well as seminars on each principle from the Ceremonies.

In addition to the seminars, Brothers from around the state of Florida played Frisbee, watched and participated in a Pow-Wow, traded patches and were given the opportunity to provide service in a nearby park.



## Lenny's Ceremonies Class

Members of O-Shot-Caw lodge were treated to a fantastic weekend and had a great facility to support all the weekend's activities and some of which were taught by O-Shot-Caw Brothers. Timuquan Lodge did an excellent job of hosting the event. Despite frigid temperatures, all attendees had a great time and learned a lot about the Order.



O-Shot-Caw meeting up after a long day

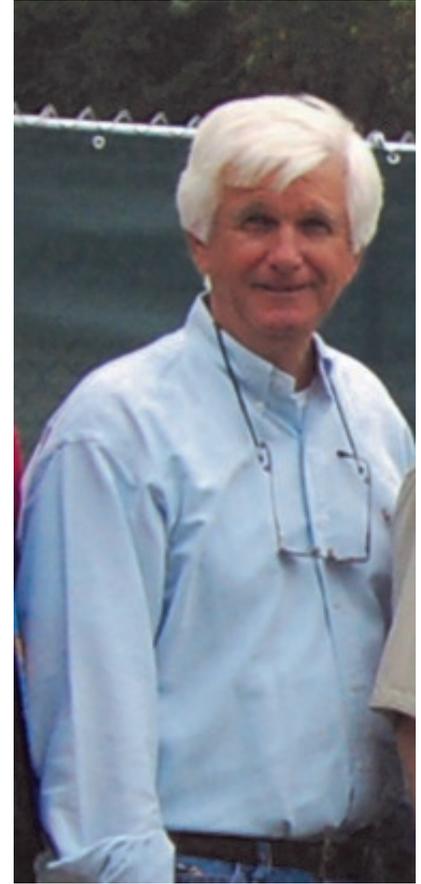


Kevin and Kris Hanging out

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# Silver Antelope Recipient - Ron Bell



Silver Antelope Award  
and Knot

Created in 1942, the **Silver Antelope Award** is the regional-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America and recognizes outstanding service to young people within one of the four regions of the BSA. The award is made by the National Court of Honor and the recipient must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. The award consists of a silver antelope suspended from a white and yellow ribbon worn around the neck. Recipients may wear the corresponding square knot, with a white strand over a yellow strand, on the BSA uniform. The award was created in 1942 and first issued in 1943. A yellow-white-yellow ribbon bar was used for informal uniform wear until 1946, when ribbon bars were replaced by the current knot insignia.

**Ron Bell**, a past member of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, was presented with the Silver Antelope Award during the BSA's National Annual Meeting held in May. He has been

active in Scouting for more than five decades and was recognized for his outstanding service to youth at a regional level. **Ron** earned his Eagle Scout Award and later served as the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief in 1966–1967. As an adult, **Ron** served as the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Adviser for 25 years. He has served on the NOAC staff since 1983 and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1988. As a member of the NOAC staff, **Ron** has served as the lead adviser to the OA Indian Village at the National Jamboree since 1997; the 2003 OA Indian Summer in Asheville, North Carolina; and as the incident commander for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest sites of the ArrowCorps5 project in 2008. Ron has also served on the area camp visitation team for 25 years. Outside of Scouting, **Ron** and his wife, **Lynda**, are active members of the Lutheran Church. They are long-time residents of Miami, Florida.

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Throughout the night, **RJ** and the Lodge Officers walked through the displays to judge for the coveted Golden Pumpkin. Every Chapter worked hard to make sure that their displays were the best. This



### Paldani "Side Show"



### The 200lb Man Eating Chicken



### Midway Games

year's race for the Golden Pumpkin will be a close one, with the Chapters having great themes. Many of the chapters also had Midway displays for those who were waiting to enter and for those who escaped alive. The midway was filled with fun games like marshmallow shooting by the Gokhos Chapter and a water balloon throw by the Elgixin Chapter. Work done at Summer and Fall Ordeals made the pathways more accessible to patrons and helped ease the flow of traffic. A huge thanks to all the Lodge Officers that made the weekend possible. In total the Lodge raised \$20,000 which will go towards the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund to help underprivileged scouts attend summer camp.



### Lost in the Himalayas

# Cub Fun Day

*Written By: Miguel Nieves*

For the fourth year in a row, South Florida Council put on an amazing event called Cub Fun Day! Here, as the name implies, Cub Scouts have a blast participating in countless events among their friends and family. Cub Fun Day is always at the very beginning of the Scouting year and is often the very first event that a Scout will ever attend. Because of this, it is crucial that this event presents Scouting at its very best! As always, participants always leave Cub Fun Day hyped up for the upcoming year!



**Mr. Robinson cooking it up.**



**Selling Food to Cub Scouts**

Because the Council is so large, the event took place in two separate locations on two different days! Cub Fun Day North took place on October 16<sup>th</sup> and Cub Fun Day South took place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme was “Party Town BSA”; and, those that attended know that the event truly lived up to its theme! As a matter of fact, there were about 2000 people in attendance at the North location alone, 250 of which were volunteers!

O-Shot Caw Lodge definitely left its mark at both locations this year! At the “North” location, **Gokhos** and **Elgixin** cheerfully cooked and sold lunch, **Pooça Tooka** sold ice cream with the slogan, “it makes you smarter!” and **Paldani** helped with parking. At the “South” location, **Hnu-Ra-Con** hosted a new exciting version of a classic game: Slip and Slide Dodge ball!

Fireball’s Senior District Executive **Annette Hungler** says that, “because of all the volunteers, Cub Fun Day is more successful every year.” She stresses the importance of the event, in that it, “fulfills the promise that is made [to Cub Scouts] when they join about a ‘good experience’.” Furthermore, she is proud to say that because the event was so successful, “volunteers are already signed up for next year.”



**Gokhos helping at the Heron Grill**

# Vigil Breakfast

*Written By: Brad Schmidt*

On December 18, 2010 O-Shot-Caw Lodge hosted the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Vigil Honor Breakfast. It was a sunny morning with clear skies that helped make Wolf Lake Park another outstanding location for the breakfast. This year the Vigil Brothers of the Elgixin Chapter graciously volunteered to cook for the event, which I might say they did a terrific job as always. The idea behind the Breakfast is to bring together Vigil Honor



## Past Lodge Chiefs

listening to our fellow brothers give their Vigil name, the year they received it, and what they've been up to. It was especially great with almost 70 brothers in attendance including 11 Past Lodge Chiefs and our current Chief. This year we did a few things different, and added several parts as well. We started the breakfast a little later in order for everyone to get an opportunity to have more fellowship time with one another. Also, everyone who went to the Vigil Breakfast received a packet of information including, a list of lodge events for the year, a dues form, and the first edition of the Vigil Newsletter. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Vigil Breakfast is a long standing tradition that was started by our first Lodge Adviser, **Hal Hollis**, and is still continued today. I'm looking forward to next year!



## Elgixin Serving Breakfast

Arrowmen from our Lodge. Once a year they gather, to see old friends, catch up on what everyone is doing, and enjoy a morning of fellowship with some of the most influential Brothers of our Lodge since its beginning. Some of the best parts of the event are hearing the Year in Review from our Lodge Chief and



## Vigil Member Attendees

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Elgixin



The *Elgixin Chapter* ended our 2010 year with our Holiday dinner at Carabbas' restaurant. We were pleased to have our Lodge Chief as well Section Secretary **Frank Gamez**. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and we thank the owner **Victor**, who is also an *Elgixin* OA member, for hosting this event for us as he has done in the past. In October we participated in the Haunted Forest in full force. *Elgixin* had an awesome Mid Evil Mayhem display as well as running the Heron Grill. We were busy the entire evening and received lots of compliments on the food. Thanks to the Brothers and volunteers that helped out. In addition to the above we also ran the fellowship for the weekend. Our last Meeting held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and we were honored to have the Lodge Chief in attendance. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, *Elgixin* once again served the "yard bird" dinner at the Scout Show for South Florida Council as well as helped out with registration. On Saturday, we had several brothers participate in the Indian Village. *Elgixin* is excited to be hosting the Vigil Breakfast this Saturday at Wolf Lake Park. *Elgixin* had a great year with some of our highlights being, our May Fellowship at Camp Sawyer, Section Conference, the Haunted Forest, and the cheerful service we were able to provide to South Florida council at Cub Scout Day camp and Cub Fun Day. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at Prince of Peace Church at 6012 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Court, Margate, FL 33063. *Elgixin* wishes everyone a safe and wonderful holiday and Happy New Year.

-Robert Slapikas

## Gokhos



The *Gokhos Chapter* had a great turnout at the Haunted forest, our theme was the "Crypt of Horror" with the assistance of Crew 183 we had the entire project completed before for four o'clock safety check. The Chapter also assisted the Lodge by providing a few of the adult to help with general information for those newcomers. On the weekend of November 5 the Chapter traveled up to Brooksville Fl. to participate in the Section Seminars. We participated in training and took some great pictures of **Steve Pinna** in the Dance ceremony. On November 20<sup>th</sup> the Chapter performed the "Day of Service" We assisted to First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale with the annual Thanksgiving Basket. We helped package and distribute seven hundred and thirty five complete meals to families in the community. After we finished we went to CB Smith park and assisted the District with the Webelos Woods. We spent Saturday

afternoon mentoring the Cubs and Webelos with Knot tying, First Aid, Campsite inspections, Gateways, and the basics skills that will help them when they cross over into Scouting. The Chapter completed another two OA election this month and is busy identifying the new youth for the Winter Ordeal. Our Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month at the Latter day Saints Church located at 851 NW 112<sup>th</sup> Ave., Plantation, FL. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can contact either myself, or **Tony Anastasio**.

-Mike Corbett

## Hnu-Ra-Con



The *Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter* has had a great time so far. On October 16 our chapter participated in the cub fun day south where over thirty of our brothers participated running events, serving food, and running our famous slip-and-slide dodge ball. This wet dodge ball variation was the biggest hit with the most attendance. On October 22-24 our Chapter attended Haunted Forest in full force. We rocked the event with our surprising Call of Cthulhu theme and had a blast working together. On December 10-11 we had a number of our members attend and participate in all the activities at the Scout Show. We recently placed orders for a new version of our Chapter shirts which should be in by Winter Ordeal. If you have any questions you can contact the Chapter at [hnucon@yahoo.com](mailto:hnucon@yahoo.com).

-Hernan Martinez

## O-Shot-Co-Chee



*O-Shot-Co-Chee* meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. We had a great time volunteering at the Haunted Forest, where our theme was Old School Horror. We had about 20 members help out this year, which is an all-time high. We had a few members help out at the Scout Show in December. Upcoming events are Winter Ordeal, the One Day of Service Project, and Lodge Banquet. We can't wait to start planning for these. We look forward to a very fun and eventful year.

-Garret Siljee

## Poooca Tooka



We began October this year with our monthly Chapter Meeting on the fourth. There we discussed our Day of Service at Cub Fun Day North and finalized our plans for the Haunted Forest. Also in October, *Poooca Tooka* cheerfully served at Cub Scout Fun Day North on 16 October 2010. At Haunted Forest, our display, the "Labyrinth", was a great success; plans were followed to

# CHAPTER REPORTS (CONTINUED)...

their full extent. It was lots of fun for the Haunted Staff and participants. In November, we started off immediately with a Chapter Meeting on 1 November 2010. There we discussed the Haunted Forest's pros and cons. We also discussed dues for both 2010 and 2011. At Section Seminars, **Pooça Tooka** didn't have a strong Chapter contingent this year. We also served at the Veteran's Day Parade in Miami Lakes. We had a great time with much more people than last year. **Pooça Tooka** members served in float building and logistics. One of the units that we helped won first place in the "Most Creative Float". They built the massive helicopter display with the aid of skills that they gained from building the 100<sup>th</sup> Year of Scouting Cake Float last year. In December, **Pooça Tooka** participated in numerous activities. We had our monthly Chapter Meeting on 6 December 2010. There, we discussed the Scout Show, and planned for a Holiday Movie Night on 23 December. At Scout Show we worked logistics and parking on Friday and drinks on Saturday. We had more fun than last year with an awesome turn out and lots of fun serving. Furthermore in December, **Pooça Tooka** has discussed service throughout the year with the Lodge Service Chairman. We are excited for our Holiday Fellowship Movie Night! This will help get everyone committed to having more fun in the upcoming New Year. If you have any questions please contact me at [miguel.nieves@live.com](mailto:miguel.nieves@live.com).

-Miguel Nieves

## **Paldani**



**Paldani** is having an excellent year. Recently, we turned in our 2037 service hours to **Andres Badel**. This is an outstanding amount of cheerful service by **Paldani** Brothers. We hope to continue by having a large number of people at the upcoming Winter Ordeal, Lodge Banquet, and Section Conference. On October 11, **Paldani** held its monthly Chapter meeting. We discussed the Fall Ordeal, along with Cub Fun Day, Haunted Forest, Section Seminars, and the **Paldani** Game-A-Thon. **Paldani** attended the Haunted Forest where we opted to do a display that was less scary and in doing so catered to younger children and cub scouts. Our theme was a circus sideshow, which consisted of various allusions, our most prominent being the "200lb man eating chicken". On November 5-7, **Paldani** had nineteen members attend the Section Seminars. Everyone enjoyed the weekend. On November 8, **Paldani** held its Chapter meeting. 42 members attended and at the conclusion we ate a full spaghetti and meatball dinner. On November 20, **Paldani** held its annual Game-A-Thon at the West Broward Masonic Lodge. Twenty-six people participated in this event to help raise money for the

Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund, Hal Hollis NOAC Campership, Maury Clancy Campership, Hope Outreach of Davie, Jubilee Food Kitchen, and **Paldani** High Adventure Scholarship. In attendance, we had our Lodge Chief, Lodge First Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary, past Lodge Chief, **Brad Schmidt**, and past Lodge First Vice Chief, **RJ Hickman**. The night was spent playing video games, football outside, and sleeping. It was a great success. On December 10-11, **Paldani** helped out the Council at the Scout Show. On Friday, we assisted cub scouts by serving them refreshments along with seating them upstairs to watch the movie. On Saturday, several of our members returned to assist the Lodge with the Indian Village. This mostly involved helping out the Dance Team. On December 13, **Paldani** had its holiday party. We started by eating a potluck style dinner in which each member brought in a dish. We assisted the Lodge in getting 2010 dues paid members by calling up old members and getting 27 to pay. We have already turned in our two Elangomats and our one Brotherhood tester to the Lodge committee chairman. On Christmas Eve, **Paldani** will go to the local hospitals and deliver stuffed animals to sick children. We also brought in over 200 canned goods along with over 300 stuffed animals. We have completed all our necessary unit elections and will have a strong turnout at the Winter Ordeal. -James Kerr

## **To-Hopki-Lagi**



**To-Hopki-Lagi** was proud to serve at this year's Haunted Forest. We also performed our one day of service on November 13 at Everglades National Park. 30 brothers helped clear trails and campsites for 8 hours. This year a new initiative was started in Thunderbird District to have recent eagle scouts serve as staff in the district adult leader training. All adults who took the training loved seeing what the goal was for their boys and that it was achievable. Thunderbird District Camporee activities were staffed this year by **To-Hopki-Lagi** members. **Ronnie Linfors**, **Bobby Barber** and I served as the MC's. At the campfire, with the help of **Kevin Innes** the Lodge Ceremonies Chairman, we performed a tap-out ceremony. For our December meeting we joined our District Roundtable for our annual pot-luck holiday party, this meeting allowed our District to meet individuals in the OA. All eligible troops that held OA elections last year and have had leader representation at roundtables have completed OA elections this year. Finally as we look to the future we see Winter Ordeal where **To-Hopki-Lagi** will serve the lodge by cooking. If you have any questions please contact me at [kristoffer44@yahoo.com](mailto:kristoffer44@yahoo.com).

-Kris Senzig

# WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING IN SUMMER 2011?



## CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

# SUMMIT CORPS 2011

Fellow Brothers, we have a great adventure for you in the summer of 2011; Summit Corps 2011. This is no canned food drive. Arrowmen attending Summit Corps - The New River Experience in 2011 can expect to be treated to one tough task. Summit Corps is a hybrid of ArrowCorps5, focusing on improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species. This will be a special experience for the Arrowmen that attend because we will be working in the future sight of the BSA National Jamboree site before any other scout while the site is still in a pristine condition.

[O-Shot-Caw Lodge](#) is building a contingent to go up to West Virginia for Summit Corps. Our goal as a Lodge is to get at least 40 Arrowmen to go. The exact costs and side trip have not been determined yet, but after conducting a meeting about the side trips, I can say without a doubt that this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience that no Arrowmen is going to want to miss. I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible and hope to hear from you soon. If you have any questions please contact **Ryan Rodriguez** at [Ryan9004@yahoo.com](mailto:Ryan9004@yahoo.com) or his Advisor **Bill Gilliland**, at [bgillila@bsamail.org](mailto:bgillila@bsamail.org).



# INDIAN SUMMER 2011

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Do you like OA Inductions and Ceremonies? Well we have an event for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer. The primary objective of this event is to elaborate and expand a participant's understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the Arrowmen can learn more. Arrowmen will have a hands-on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, clothing, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a Powwow. You will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of setting, props, symbolism, performing the Ceremonies, the development of ceremonial costumes, understanding the 10 induction principles and administering the Ordeal. The last OA Indian Summer was held in 2003, so do not miss this opportunity to learn more about American



Indian culture and expand your knowledge in OA Ceremonies. This will begin on August 1st and run till August 6th, 2011, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. The fee is \$325 for the event with an approximate final cost at \$700 with transportation and added side trips. If you have any questions feel free to contact **Colby Kudja** at [ckrocker101@yahoo.com](mailto:ckrocker101@yahoo.com) or **Glenn Gomez** at (954)-655-4446 or at [glennomez@bellsouth.net](mailto:glennomez@bellsouth.net)

## “Editor’s Notes”



Dear Brothers,

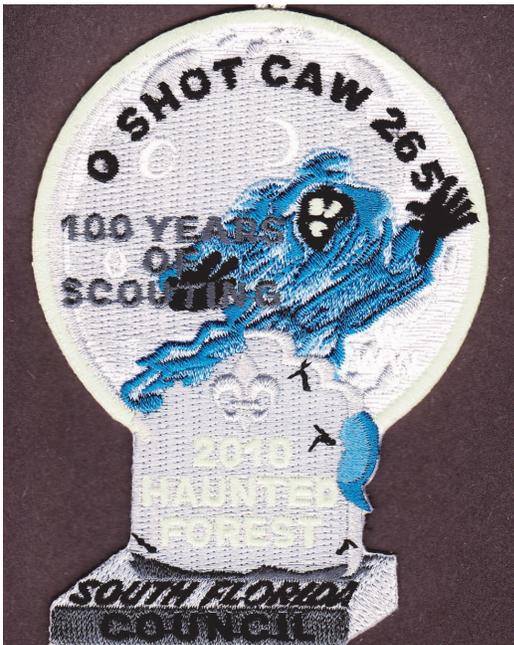
I am excited as we approach the upcoming Section Conference. The Publications Committee is preparing for the Publication’s Competition. Recently the Publications Committee put together another issue of *The Thread* available on-line at [o-shot-caw.org](http://o-shot-caw.org).

The Patchwork has gone digital for all members not on the Lodge Executive Committee. If you are not receiving and you would like to receive a hard-copy please contact me or my advisor so we can work out a compromise.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or would like to write an article in a future Publication you can direct them to me at [willmckinley@ymail.com](mailto:willmckinley@ymail.com) or calling my Advisor, **Ira Schrager** at (954)-410-2101.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
*William McKinley*

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Features a Glow-in-the-  
Dark Border and Lettering**



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## Lodge Calendar

### Lodge Banquet

Where? CB Smith Park  
When? March 4-6, 2011  
Cost? Check Website for details  
Why go? Have fun with Fellow Brothers.

### Section Conference

Where? Tanah-Keeta Scout Reservation  
When? April 15-16, 2011  
Cost? Check Website for details  
Why go? Compete for Best All Around Lodge and learn more about the Order.

### Summer Ordeal

Where? TBA  
When? June 3 - 5, 2011  
Cost? Check Website for details  
Why go? To Cheerfully Serve and induct new members.