During the week of July 3rd through the 9th, O-Shot-Caw lodge participated in SummitCorps 2011 - a national community service project at the New River Gorge Mountain in West Virginia. We had a contingent of 13 Arrowmen consisting of 8 youth and 5 adults. We all woke up early Saturday morning for a long road trip from the BSA council office to our stop in North Carolina. The next morning we completed our journey to Glen Jean Armory near Mount Hope. We then split up into many different crews, giving us the opportunity to meet many other Arrowmen from throughout the country. Monday marked our first day of work; each crew was given a Philmont breakfast and then went into a bus to be transported to the work area. Work projects included many things, from making rock bridges to creating bike trails. We ate lunch while learning about the evolution of a leader.

Four o’clock in the afternoon marked the end of work for the day and we all

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“Chiefly Speaking”

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

Summer has come to a close, and now we embrace Autumn. We return to school and also return to our scouting activities. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge had our official kick off LEC meeting in August and just a couple days later LLD. But these events were after a very busy summer for our lodge. But first, let's look even further back, to our lodge’s triumph at Section Conference.

Section Conference was held this past April at Tanah-Keeta Scout Reservation. O-Shot-Caw Lodge had an incredible weekend and we would like to thank our fellow brothers and neighbors in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge for an incredible weekend. When Sunday morning rolled around O-Shot-Caw was awarded the Best All Around Lodge trophy along with the Spirit Award. Such a finish is only fit for a great lodge. After the awards, two fellow O-Shot-Caw brothers won leadership positions in the section: Frank Gamez as our Section Chief and Alan Randall as our Secretary.

Summer Ordeal was held at Vista View Park in June. This event marked the beginning of Summer. The lodge got together to build 30 picnic table for our soon-to-be opened Camp Elmore. Congratulations to all new brothers whom were inducted at this ordeal, I'm proud of how you worked diligently to serve cheerfully. On Sunday, the lodge chose five youth leaders to serve as the 2011-2012 Lodge Officers. They are myself as Lodge Chief, Kyle Senzig as First Vice, Ryan Rodriguez as Second Vice, Matthew Braun as Secretary, and Joey Anderson as Treasurer!

Over the Summer, O-Shot-Caw Lodge participated in two national events: SummitCorps and Indian Summer. SummitCorps, held in July 2011, was very similar to Arrow Corps5 and Four Corps, held in 2008 and 2010 respectively. O-Shot-Caw Lodge took one of the largest contingents to this event. We spent our days providing cheerful service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. After SummitCorps, the Lodge went to Ridgecrest Conference Centre in North Carolina for Indian Summer. This was a week of American Indian Activities, Inductions, Ceremonies, Fun, Fellowship, Tribe rivalries, and O-Shot-Caw ice cream gatherings at Nibble Nook. If you don't know what Nibble Nook is, well find a brother that went to Indian Summer and ask!

In August, O-Shot-Caw Lodge held our annual Lodge Leadership Development. This year we had a location change. It was held August 20, 2011 at the West Broward Masonic Lodge. The day was extremely productive as we trained our new and returning O-Shot-Caw Leadership. The topic of focus this year: Inductions.

Coming up is our Fall Ordeal, and soon after our Haunted Forest, both to be held at Markham Park. I will look forward to another amazing lodge year, thank you for electing me to serve you one more year as your chief. I won't let you down! See you at the Fall ordeal and Haunted Forest!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathan Yost
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
Lodge Leadership Development

by Andrew Crowe

The Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) was a great opportunity to expand our minds as leaders. There were many different exercises and multiple presentations that were designed to help us become better and more prepared Arrowmen. Lodge Chief Jonathan Yost introduced the seminar with a slideshow on the chain of command within the OA.

The next presenter was past Lodge Chief Brad Schmidt who spoke about the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) which will be held summer 2012 at Michigan State University. NOAC is a weeklong event focused on competition and fellowship with Arrowmen from all around the country. Also, Camp Promotions Chairman Kristoffer Senzig talked about OA High Adventure - an opportunity for OA members to participate in extreme high adventure activities over a two-week period for a reduced price in exchange for an additional week of cheerful service.

Just before lunch, former Lodge Chief Joshua Levenson engaged the youth and adults to think abstractly. He asked the youth chairman to imagine waking up the next day as their adviser, and in their new perspective consider what they would and wouldn’t look forward to (and vice versa for the advisers).

In the afternoon, the youth and adults split up; the youth went over the induction process for new members, as well as how to conduct a unit election. For the final program, Lodge Chief Jonathan Yost encouraged all the members of the LEC to create two goals - one for the lodge and one for the chapter/committee for which they are responsible.

O-Shot-Caw brothers interested in attending future LLD programs should contact their chapter chief. The 2011 LLD was held on August 20th at the West Broward Masonic Hall in Pembroke Pines, FL.
loaded onto the bus and rode back to the armory very exhausted. At the armory, there were many things to do, like play cards or board games in the recreation tent, buy snacks or souvenirs at the trading post or (everybody’s favorite thing to do after a long day of work) take a hot shower. Dinner was more than exceptional and a well deserved meal for a day of arduous labor.

O-Shot-Caw lodge also participated in a recreation day together on Friday, and decided to go white-water rafting as a lodge. Each raft seated 8 people, so the youth decided to raft together. Despite mostly low level rapids, Frank Gamez - O-Shot-Caw brother and our current Section S-4 Chief - was scared for his life as this was his first time rafting. We went through many different areas with very unique names like “Surprise!”, and even found the opportunity to swim through some of the white water areas as well. After hours battling white water we finally reached the end, and at one point or another, every person in our raft fell out during the wild ride. After the river, we set off to the lake to relax and have a nice dinner as a lodge. The next morning, it was time to pack up and say goodbye to SummitCorps and the people we met there. We grabbed breakfast, stopped by the Summit to take a picture and headed out to Orlando. After sleeping in a bed for the first time in many days, we went straight to Aquatica for a day of water and relaxation and then home. We arrived at the BSA council office around 10 PM ready to go home and reflect on a week embodied by brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.
Indian Summer 2011

by William McKinley, Indian Summer Contingent Chairman

This week was a once in a lifetime experience and you can ask anyone who attended the trip just how amazing it was. From July 31 through August 7, 2011, twenty-six Arrowmen from O-Shot-Caw Lodge participated in the second national event of the season - Indian Summer. We were the largest contingent in the nation - an enormous feat for O-Shot-Caw Lodge! Indian Summer attempted to expand Arrowmen’s knowledge of Native American Indian culture. The week offered a variety of courses, split into three different categories; Ceremonies, Dance and Independent Study. The conference supplied a wide variety of hands on activities, such as finger weaving, sewing and metalwork. Members of our Ceremonies Team were in full attendance and took back many fresh ideas and expanded their options of regalia items thanks to the outstanding instructors at Indian Summer. Each of our participating brothers gathered valuable skills and information that they are excited to bring back to O-Shot-Caw. Also during the week most of our attending lodge members cheerfully served the Ridgecrest Conference Center by participating in the Conservation Project on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, helping with the reconstruction and upkeep of the mountain trail.

Our journey began on Sunday morning when contingent members met at the Scout Office at 7:30 a.m. to start our drive to Orangeburg, NC. The next day we continued our trip to Ridgecrest by way of beautiful Rose Hill Plantation in Union, SC. We learned about the history of the plantation and the surrounding area as well as of the people who lived in the house during key points of our nation’s history. Following the tour, and not without some confused navigating on exit 64, we finally reached Ridgecrest just in time for check-in.

During the week we were split up into Nations, Tribes, and Clans with Arrowmen from around the U.S. In addition to our daily meetings with our respective group, O-Shot-Caw Lodge decided to have our own meetings at the Nibble Nook - a little Ice Cream shop at the Conference Center that had a huge variety of flavors that everyone enjoyed. Each night there were recreational activities offered such as the Brave Cave, several Indian pow-wows, movies and open forums to name a few. The Brave Cave was a small hangout spot where Arrowmen could chill and play videogames or play organized sports. Throughout the week there were two pow-wows in which O-Shot-Caw had a few members dance, including Jake Cairo and Lydia Pinna who were chosen to dance in the Closing Show on Friday. When the Ceremonies Team attended the ICE (Inductions and Ceremonial Events) Forum on Wednesday night we spent a good hour discussing the Ceremonies with Jay Dunbar, an original author of our current Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Most of our lodge also met National Chief Jonathan Hillis, National Vice Chief Dan Dick, and Southern Region Chief Dwayne Fontenette, Jr., in addition to having the opportunity to meet

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with other national officers throughout the week. Without a doubt, our contingent cherished the brotherhood that we found during this week with each and every Arrowman we encountered.

On our way home we stopped at the Nantahala River for a two-hour whitewater rafting trip. Everyone enjoyed the trip on the river - although it could have been a little bit warmer!

After the river we headed to Keystone Heights, Florida, where O-Shot-Caw Lodge Adviser Bill Gundlach graciously opened his home to us weary travelers. I would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Gundlach, my adviser Glenn Gomez, and all who attended Indian Summer 2011 with O-Shot-Caw lodge. I look forward to our next opportunity to experience together the true wonder of our Order’s brotherhood!

See you there, if you dare...

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Fall Ordeal

by Randall Martinez, The Patchwork Editor

On the weekend of September 23-25, O-Shot-Caw Lodge held our annual Fall Ordeal at Markham Park’s heron preserve in Sunrise, FL. The weekend was defined, as always, by outstanding ritual work provided by the lodge ceremonies team. Ordeal candidates served cheerfully while they cleared the trail for the upcoming Haunted Forest, as well as cleared trash from Boy Scout Road near Camp Elmore. Meanwhile, the Brotherhood candidates assembled picnic tables for the “soon-to-be-ready” camp. In the afternoon following the work projects, the lodge hosted a mini pow-wow where the different lodge teams were able to show off what they do and announce their practice/meeting times. We also had a very special guest from the national level in attendance at our Ordeal - 2011 Southern Region Chief Dwayne Fontenette, Jr.

Later in the evening, the Ceremonies Team inducted 29 new brothers into our lodge and sealed the ties of several more in Brotherhood. After a long day of hard work done by all, we enjoyed a delicious dinner together as a newly grown lodge. Thanks to Paldani Chapter for their terrific job at providing delicious meals for the weekend.

After dinner - for those of us who still had the energy to stand - we played a complicated yet exhilarating game of Gokhos Ball for the Brotherhood Bash. The next morning we all gathered for a humbling and reflective interfaith worship service provided by Elgixin Chapter. Following, the lodge held a brief business meeting to introduce the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) to the newly-initiated members; Arrowmen interested in getting more involved should contact their Chapter Chief today!

Candidates learn about local poisonous plant life to prepare for the Ordeal service project.

Paldani Chapter adults cook up a feast!

New Ordeal members and their Elangomats

Arrowmen who sealed their ties in Brotherhood
O-Shot-Caw Teams

by Dylan Carter

O-Shot-Caw lodge has many teams that never cease to amaze. These teams allow Arrowmen to grow and learn together - strengthening the ties of brotherhood within our lodge.

Ceremonies

The Order of the Arrow utilizes three nationally standardized ceremonies for Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor memberships using themes, stories, and symbols centered on American Indian traditions as interpreted by the Order of the Arrow. The ceremonies utilize symbolic settings, rites, and characters to convey various Scouting ideals to participants. This team is responsible for performing these ceremonies at lodge functions including Ordeals and Lodge Banquet. Our team is occasionally asked to assist local Cub Scout and Boy Scout units with special ceremonies including Arrow of Light and Eagle award ceremonies. We also compete (and win) at section and national events.

Ceremonies Team practices are held every other Saturday at 11 am at the South Florida Council office. Interested Arrowmen should contact Aaron Kudja at akgamer101@yahoo.com.

Drum

We have the greatest drum team in the section! At this year’s Section Conference, we plan to go all out and take 1st place back home to south Florida. To do so we must practice hard, which will be reflected in our many performances. You will be in total awe, while watching them play. They make the beat of the drums shake your body and make your ears wish that the song will never finish; but sadly the song does come to an end, and their harmonious voices become quiet and practically cease to exist. O-Shot-Caw truly has an amazing drum team.

The twenty-one members of the Drum Team meet every other Friday night at the South Florida Council office in Miami Lakes. Interested Arrowmen should contact Chris Alvarez at oshotcawdrum@gmail.com.

Dance

O-Shot-Caw’s Dance Team initiates and preserves local American Indian relationships to allow Arrowmen and Scouters a better understanding of native culture. The Dance Team also offers basic instructional sessions at chapter meetings, fellowships and other lodge training events, as well as encourages everyone from the lodge to dance at section events such as Pow-Wow and competitions.

The Dance Team meets Fridays at 7 pm at the South Florida Council office. Interested Arrowmen should contact Jonathan Rodriguez at hunter01652@yahoo.com.
Elgixin

Elgixin meets on the fourth Monday of every month at the Prince of Peace Church in Margate. Our chapter took part in a service project that honored the victims of 9/11; it was called the Field of Honor. Here, 1000 American Flags were flown to commemorate those who lost their lives 10 years ago. At this event, our chapter escorted people to their seats, handed out water, and helped people find their flags in the field. Together, our chapter totaled about 32 hours of cheerful service to the community.

At our last meeting, we mainly discussed the Haunted Forest. We elected Michael Cohen as our chairmen for our trail, and AJ Carter as the chairmen for our midway games. We voted on the theme of “Fairy Tales Gone Wrong” and we are looking forward to raising money for the JAACF with the trail and also the grill we are responsible for Saturday night. All in all, we expect a very successful Haunted Forest for the chapter as well as the lodge. Noah Crowe: njc95@comcast.net

Gokhos

The Gokhos chapter is happy to report an awesome start to the scouting year! We have already had three meetings! During the meetings we have accomplished a lot by preparing for the Fall Ordeal, and Haunted Forest. Members are once again looking forward to showing off their purple pride at lodge events. As chapter chief, I am very proud of those who have stepped up and taken on extra responsibilities.

All of our members are looking forward to a new year of cheerful service. So much so, that four members of Gokhos volunteered to be an Elangomat at the Fall Ordeal! We cannot wait for the Haunted Forest, Gokhos is sure to have an amazing show!

On another note, we are changing our meeting date and location. From now on we will be meeting on the fourth Monday of every month at Plantation United Methodist Church. If there’s any changes I’ll be sure to let you know in the e-mails.

Mac Edwards: mac.edwards@yahoo.com

Paldani

My name is William McKinley and I am proud to serve as the 2011-2012 Paldani Chapter Chief. Over the past couple of months, Paldani Chapter has continued to be active on a District and Council level, serving the communities in the Seminole District.

On August 20, Paldani attended the Lodge Leadership Development. Seven of our members taught seminars on various topics.

On August 29, Paldani cooked for our District Roundtable. We served hamburgers and hotdogs along with several sides. Everyone in attendance greatly appreciated everything.

On September 12, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. We discussed Chapter Leadership Development, Flag Day, SummitCorps, Indian Summer, Lodge Leadership Development, and District Roundtable cooking, along with which was the Fall Ordeal, Haunted Forest, Section Seminars, the Rock-a-Thon, Section Conference and NOAC 2012.

Paldani helped out at the Fall Ordeal by cooking delicious meals for the Lodge. Paldani also helped out with the Elangomat and Brotherhood programs along with working in the service project and assisting in the Ceremonies when needed. Paldani had three brothers seal their ties in the Brotherhood.

Paldani is getting ready for the upcoming Haunted Forest. We are promoting ticket sales within our Packs and Troops in the District.

Paldani is promoting Section Seminars to our members so they can learn leadership, lodge, and American Indian Activity skills. In addition, Paldani is getting ready for our upcoming Game-A-Thon on December 3rd and 4th. Paldani is in the process of collecting stuffed animals and canned food to support our various drives throughout the year.

Paldani is looking forward to an amazing year and we cannot wait! We meet the second Monday of every month at the Hollywood Elks Lodge at 7:30 pm. William McKinley: willmckinley@ymail.com

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Pooca Tooka
We had a chapter meeting to discuss haunted forest, den chief training, and webelos woods. Also, we did a flag ceremony for the town of Miramar for “Take your streets back”. Lastly, 5 people attended fall ordeal and we currently have 2 people active on the dance team.

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Tomoka
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O-Shot-Co-Chee
Our Chapter, O-Shot-Co-Chee, is supported by the Tequesta District. We meet the second Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables.

We had 4 members of our district join the order at the Fall Ordeal. We had a total of 15 members in attendance.

Upcoming events are Haunted Forest, Section Seminars, our One Day of Service Project, and Winter Ordeal. We hope that these events are very successful. We look forward to a very fun and eventful year.

We have already had our first meeting of this school year. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2011.

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Hnu-Ra-Con
Hnu-Ra-Con had our first meeting of the year on August 2nd. We reviewed Summer Ordeal and started planning for Haunted Forest. Hnu-ra-con sent several representatives to LLD on August 20th. It was a great experience and much was learned. On September 5th, Hnu-ra-con held its second Chapter meeting. We continued planning for Haunted Forest and discussed other upcoming events. The weekend of September 13-15th, Hnu-ra-con went out for a great weekend of fellowship at Fall Ordeal. We had a large number members in attendance with approximately 9 ordeal candidates and two Arrow men seal their ties. We were unable to do our Brotherhood Bash, but that has motivated us to have a Brotherhood Bash that sets the bar at Winter Ordeal. At Fall Ordeal, I also had the honor of talking with the Southern Region Chief, Dwayne Fontenette, and Section Chief, O-Shot-Caw’s own Frank Gamez. After meeting with Haunted Forest Chairman, RJ Hickman, and determining the location of our two displays, Hnu-ra-con is looking forward to taking back the Golden Pumpkin at Haunted Forest.

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To-Hopki-Lagi
To-Hopki-Lagi chapter meets the first Monday of every month at the Silver Palm United Methodist Church at 7:30 pm.

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Dear Brothers,

I want to thank you for letting me head the Publications Committee as your chairman. I’m looking forward to a fantastic year with the lodge. I’ve worked with the previous editor on past issues and I feel that this will be a great experience for both myself and the lodge.

This past summer I went to Indian Summer, a gathering of Brothers from all over the nation, to learn new things for Drum, Ceremonies, and Dance teams, as well as trade patches and experience the Order on a whole new level. Read more in the special Summer 2011 edition of The Patchwork. Fall Ordeal was a great experience; I saw my friends seal their ties in brotherhood, and it was also my first ordeal serving as a member of the ceremonies team. I hope you all think about going to the upcoming NOAC next year! I can’t wait for the upcoming Haunted Forest; hope to see you all there!

Thank you,

Randall Martinez
Publications Chairman, O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265

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Editor’s Notes

Patch Corner

Summitcorps Lodge flaps

Indian Summer Lodge flaps
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Lodge Calendar

Haunted Forest
Where? Markham Park, Sunrise, FL
When? October 21-23, 2011
Why go? Help raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Foundation

Section Seminars
Where? Camp Shands, Hawthorne, FL
When? November 11-13, 2011
Why go? To learn different skills necessary to run a lodge like O-Shot-Caw

Winter Ordeal
Where? Camp Everglades, Everglades National Park
When? January 6-8, 2012
Why go? To perform cheerful service and induct new brothers to the order.