This year O-Shot-Caw Lodge hosted our annual Haunted Forest on October 19th. The weekend started on Friday where chapters from all around the lodge gathered to begin constructing what would soon be the Haunted Forest. Saturday was a great success for the lodge as it is every year. Large crowds attended and lined up throughout the night to be scared and entertained by the very scouts in their districts.

After hearing what some had to say about this year’s Haunted Forest, I think it is safe to say that it has been one of the Lodge’s most successful years and we are already preparing to have our next one in 2014!
“Chiefly Speaking”

September we had our Fall Ordeal at camp Elmore. We had plenty in attendance. Our main projects were, getting the trees planted around the OA ring along with finishing the OA shed. The 40+ candidates had a great time getting knee deep in the dirt. We also went over Haunted Forest preparations over at Markham Park. Haunted Forest was in October. We had over 300 youth and adults out there to help get ready for our biggest fundraiser. At the end of the night we made about $15-17,000. (not sure) November was section seminars. We only had 8 people in attendance. But we all had a great time. Also in November we sent 6 youth and 2 adults to NLS in South Carolina. Where they were able to better their leadership skills and bring them back to the lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew Crowe
What do you get when you combine bone-chilling thrills with cheerful service? O-Shot-Caw’s annual Haunted Forest, of course! All proceeds from this event go to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund – a charitable program that gives camping scholarships to Boy Scouts who can’t afford the cost of attending summer camp.

Brothers began arriving at Markham Park Friday afternoon to begin constructing their chapter’s Haunted Forest Display. We had in attendance arrowmen from every chapter; from Nok-su to Elgixin this year coming to be apart of one of the Lodge’s biggest and most grand events.

With sunlight quickly burning, time was on the line. Chapters raced to get as much of their display as they can before the sun set. With crackerbarrel served and light extinguished, the lodge called it a night, but not without getting a lot of work done.
2013 Haunted Forest (Continued)

Saturday morning was no walk in the park either however. With breakfast in their stomachs and a deadline steadily approaching, brothers quickly jumped back to work setting up their displays, hoping to have everything perfect for the moment doors would open to public. Luckily we had no problems and everything ran smoothly and we opened promptly on time.

Each chapter had great displays and for one chapter, they went above and beyond; not just doing a display of their own but contacting a Crew from their chapter to assist them with doing a bunny trail. And despite a little rain at the beginning, the Haunted Forest went of without a hitch.

Throughout the night I was able to grab the chance to ask a few cub scouts on their experience. Jada from Fireball district says that she liked the bunny and was excited to go through the main display. Her favorite part of the night however was all the candy she was able to get throughout the night at the Midway games. And that feeling was mutual for many cub scouts; candy was the main attraction.
But Midway games and a spooky trail weren’t the only things that were available for visitors. Just as we have had in past years, O-Shot-Caw Lodge had a variety of attractions.

Attractions at Haunted Forest included live music with a DJ mixing live. And if you didn't notice, that DJ wasn't the only one. The Pooca-Tooka chapter had someone mixing music of their own on top of the entrance to their display this year. From what I've heard, he played some pretty good jams. Other attractions included a pumpkin patch, and photos to take with your friends or family.

Chris, Frank, and John saying to enjoy your night at the Haunted Forest.
Some funny tombstones!

That’s actually a spider.

Prepared for the big night!

Amanda and Ashwin getting their hands dirty in their display.
On the weekend of August 30th to September 1st, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge hosted our annual Fall Ordeal at Camp Elmpre, Davie.

Of the many work projects we had that weekend some included cleaning Boy Scout road, painting the shipping containers in the COPE area, and planting more trees and plants around the ceremony ring area.

During the afternoon the chapter chiefs and officers set out to Markham Park to prepare for the Haunted Forest. While at the park, they selected which chapter was going to go where and the main plan for how the night will go that Saturday. 123 total brothers attended the Fall Ordeal this year, which is great! Along with those 123 brothers, 28 were newly inducted into the Order of the Arrow and 5 of those brothers sealed their ties in brotherhood. The Fall Ordeal was a complete success and O-Shot-Caw is now looking forward to our next major event: The Haunted Forest.
Section Seminars were held at Camp Soule November 8-10 and O-Shot-Caw Lodge sent 5 participants to the event. For those of you who do not know what Section Seminars are, Section Seminars is an event where Arrowmen from our Section come together to camp, fellowship and attend training. A total of 233 Arrowmen attended this year. We had fun training, playing sports, and trading patches. It is always nice to see our fellow Arrowmen from around the section come together and have a great time. You won’t want to miss out on the Section Conference in April when we will compete for Bet All Around Lodge!
Chapter Reports

**Pooka Tooka**

At our chapter meeting we collected Haunted Forest tickets, and gathered feedback on how it went. We plan on giving help on 2 Eagle Scout Project, made new goals to increase attendance and communication throughout the chapter and we are prepared for the Winter Ordeal.

**Elgixin**

We prepared for Haunted Forest by making multiple props and signs and also contacted 497 in an effort for them to run a bunny trail, which they agreed to help. We also helped the First Church off of Sample Road unload pumpkins for their annual pumpkin sale.

**Gokhos**

We are looking forward to the Fall Fellowship weekend and in doing out part for the Haunted Forest. We’re hoping you and the ticket patrons enjoy our theme and creativity. We expect to be “entertaining”. We will be supporting the annual food drive hosted at the 1st Presbyterian church of Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday November 23rd. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**To-Hopki-Lagi**

They meet the first Monday of the month at the Perrine Elementary located at 8851 SW 168 St at 7:30 p.m. This translates to “place by the river”

**O-Shot-Co-Chee**

The O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter has been providing cheerful service at Cub Fun Day on October 12th. Six members participated in this event. On October 19th we will be participating at the OA Haunted Forest, where our theme is “The Walking Dead”. At fall ordeal we had 1 chapter member attend who was a brotherhood candidate and 8 members get inducted. On November 7th Zebastian Alzamora will have his Eagle Project.
Chapter Reports

Paldani

Paldani Chapter had a successful display at the Haunted Forest this year with our theme “Ghostbusters”. We have been completing our unit elections and camp promotions for the troops in our district in preparation for Winter Ordeal, and will be having our District Call-Out Ceremony on December 6th. We are promoting the Coconut Grove Arts Festival and preparing for our annual Paldani-a-Thon.

Tomoka

They meet at American Legion Post 67, located at 1491 West Dixie Highway on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Tomoka is interpreted as “tomahawk”s to the southern Cub Fun Day.

Nok Su

They meet at Marathon Community Park at 4:00 on the first Sunday of each month. Nok Su means “gray winged gull,” probably Calusa. Some translate it as great sea bird.

u-Ra-Con

Hnu-Ra-Con has been working hard on our display and we look forward to defending The Golden Pumpkin on Haunted Forest Weekend. We also sent out chapter members to the southern Cub Fun Day.

Several brothers got together and worked on the OA Shed at Camp Elmore.

When the shed is complete, each Chapter will have their own locked storage area.
“Editor’s Notes”

It’s great to record and see everything progressing throughout the year in this lodge. I’d like to start by congratulating the newly inducted brothers into our order and I encourage you all to seal your ties in brotherhood as soon as possible and to work towards getting the first year arrowman award. Lots got done at fall ordeal and it was nice to see all the preparation being done to get ready for the Haunted Forest. Of course, Haunted Forest was a great success! I got the opportunity to see the Haunted Forest the a patrons eyes other than working it and I saw how much people enjoyed going through it. I’m excited to see what the lodge has planned for the rest of the year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ryan Rodriguez

Patch Corner

This year’s Haunted Forest patches feature a vampire awakening from a coffin with the words O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 around the edges. There is a difference however in the normal patch and the staff patch. Normal patches were given out to anyone who wanted to buy them but if you worked at the Haunted Forest then you were given a staff patch that says “staff” at the top and has the letters changed to the color silver.
### Lodge Calendar

**Winter Ordeal**
- **Where?** Camp Everglades
- **When?** January 3 - 5, 2014
- **Cost?** Check Website for details
- **Why go?** To Cheerfully Serve and induct new members.

**Lincoln Marti Camporee**
- **Where?** Carlos J. Arboleya Park
- **When?** January 25-27, 2014
- **Cost?** Check Website for details
- **Why go?** Indian Village OA & Camp Promotion

**Scoutmaster’s Camporee**
- **Where?** Markham Park
- **When?** February 14-16, 2014
- **Cost?** Check Website for details
- **Why go?** Indian Village OA & Camp Promotion

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