



The Patchwork

O-Shot-Caw Lodge



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A Summer of Sun

The summer of 2014 was a jam-packed summer filled with an itinerary of incredible activities and great memories. From our annual elections at Summer Ordeal to arrow men attending OA High Adventure, O-Shot-Caw showed out



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presence every-where this summer.

With summer coming to a close, O-Shot-Caw Lodge is ready to tackle another year head on with a new Lodge Chief and an entire LEC ready to back him up and give our Lodge another incredible year!

Summer Ordeal

LLD

OA High Adventure

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“Chiefly Speaking”**Matthew Crowe**

Hello Brothers, I hope you all had a fun and eventful summer. Over the summer the lodge was very busy!

In June we had our Summer Ordeal. We had about 120 brothers attend. We had a lot of work projects from mulching to building bridges. We also did a little bit of work at the amphitheater and put in a few trees. The ceremony was great and went off without a hitch, the weather was perfect for the whole weekend (despite a bit of rain during the afternoon). Sunday we had our elections. It is my honor to serve for another year as this lodge's chief. I would like to thank everyone from the past year for serving with me and making it the greatest year we've had in a long time. With the new officers, we took over and got everything cleaned up. It was a great and successful weekend.

In July we had a COC and workday at camp Elmore. At the COC, all of the chiefs and their advisers gave us their goals for the year and told us how they plan on executing those goals. Then after the COC, we went for a haunted forest walkthrough around camp. Then after all that, we all got into our work clothes and helped out for the rest of the day doing projects around camp. Some of the projects were finishing three bridges and laying down mulch and various other things. It was a great weekend and we had a great time.

In August, we had our first LEC meeting of the year; we had a great attendance. We went over everything that needs to be done for the next couple of months, as well as everything for the LLD that was in two days. LLD was fantastic. We had 50 brothers come out. The leadership seminars were great, the conversations were amazing, and everyone seemed to have a great time.

I really look forward to next few months and hope that I see everyone at Fall Ordeal and Haunted Forest.



2014 Summer Ordeal

On the weekend of June 1st, O-shot-Caw lodge held out annual Summer Ordeal. As you all know, the Summer Ordeal is always filled with a great amount of cheerful service, brotherhood, and anticipation, for both the new officers and for the best all-around chapter.

At this ordeal, we helped freshen up our council camp, Camp Elmore. It was a very hot weekend to say the least, but it wouldn't be an ordeal without that kind of heat. At the summer ordeal, we had many work projects that helped build our camp to what it used to be in time to host section conference in 2016. Some of the work projects included creating an area for parking and building two bridges in some of the campsites. Despite a little rain, our moods were not brought down and cheerful service continued without a hitch. Other work projects included cleaning up Boy Scout Road as we do every Ordeal and planting trees in our camp to help bring it back to what it once was in time for Section Conference.

To end the weekend, we held our annual Lodge Elections on Sunday morning. After breakfast and a scout's own service, the Lodge took the time to sit down and have our business meeting. In this business meeting, we had 5 positions open and Arrowmen eager to fill them. As the elections went on, we saw the members who were going to lead this Lodge into another successful year start to fill their positions.



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It's been a hard days work.

Re-elected for a second term, our 2014-2015 Lodge Chief is Matthew Crowe. Elected to support and work with Matt through this year are his 4 officers. Darren McEwen was elected to First Vice Chief. Glen Oglesby was elected to Second Vice Chief, and Lukas Brown and Arturo Fernandez were elected to Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The lodge is very excited to have them as our officers and we believe that with their leadership and guidance, we will have another very successful year!



Our new Chief and our Lodge Advisor!

Summer Ordeal was a great and successful weekend and we are looking forward to working with our new officers and LEC members this year and we are excited for Fall Ordeal to prepare more for our time to host Section Conference 2016!

2014 LLD

On August 23rd we held our Lodge Leadership Development, also known as LLD, at South Florida Council Office. LLD is an all day event where LEC members, and those who they invite, spend time getting to know each other along with understanding how the lodge works. We had a great turn out and those who attended would say they had a bunch of fun. LLD is a great place to experience leadership seminars and relax with fellow Arrowmen from our lodge. Not only do you have the opportunity to meet other youth, but LLD is also for adults.

During the seminars, we learn many things from Robert's Rules of Order to how the flow chart of the lodge works. Sounds like a lot, but there are also many opportunities to enjoy yourself throughout the day. With games to get to know each other and meals throughout the course of the seminars, who wouldn't want to go? One game in particular really caught arrowmen's interest, and maybe you should try it out at your next chapter meeting. The point of the game is to have everyone think of 3 unique and interesting things about themselves and share it with the rest of the group. Sounds easy right? But the twist is that 2 of those things have to be true whereas one is a lie. It's up to everyone else to determine the lie.

With LLD over, everyone is ready to tackle all the challenges that will be ahead of us this year! As a lodge, we are excited and prepared for another successful year.



Our 2015 LLD Graduates!

2014 OA High Adventure

Are you ages 14-20? Do you love giving service to the environment and others? Do you want to do something different on your summer breaks? Have you ever wanted to go on adventure of a lifetime? Well the Order of the Arrow has amazing high adventure programs available for you! The Order of the Arrow has been offering High Adventure experiences since 1995 at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico then spreading to Northern Tier in 1998, Florida Sea Base in 2005, and then just this past summer, the OA started the Summit Experience at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. This new program at the Summit is an 8 day program that will join you together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Summit in West Virginia has to offer. Four days of the program will be focused on building or maintaining trail around the Summit, and the New River Gorge National River Area. The remainder of the experience will revolve around white water kayaking and rafting, along with mountain biking, climbing, and participation in other Summit activities. Participants will not only build trail, but also bonds of brotherhood as they start their High Adventure journey. The program is designed to entice younger Arrowmen to participate in High Adventure. Arrowmen ages 14 but not yet 18 will have the opportunity to explore all that the Summit has to offer in terms of adventure, brotherhood and cheerful service. As for the rest of the programs, participants are from the ages of 16-20 and offer experiences unparalleled to others. Each program has different elements and experiences it will offer. At Northern Tier you will paddle the Boundary Waters, see the pristine lakes and wildlife, and portage the trails laid by brothers before you.



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2014 OA High Adventure (continued)

In the backcountry of Philmont you adventure will lead you through numerous camps that will keep your spirits high every night, summit the peaks of mountains and build bonds of Brotherhood over the trails you have helped build. And not all is fun in the sun down at Florida Sea Base, where you will be put to the test of working together with your fellow crew mates to help preserve the reefs and islands of our ocean paradise, while soaking up the rays! There is an adventure for everyone. Or maybe even multiple – I have personally just received my Order of the Arrow Triple Crown this past summer. I was also given the opportunity to work as an Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure Foreman down in the Florida Keys this summer. It was a wonderful experience not just as a staff member leading the program but also when I went through the program. Through this experience as well as my other experiences at the other bases I have met Arrowmen from across the nation who I look up to and I also serve as a role model to. I have countless memories of my trips like swimming with sea turtles and spearing lionfish to tickling – and eating – lobsters as well as seeing a 8 foot Manta Ray swim right above you, summiting Mt. Baldy, building switchbacks of trails, watching the sunrise on the Tooth of Time, to canoeing 40 miles in one day and sleeping in the next... and the Brotherhood that I have made with almost a hundred new friends in our wonderful organization. I hope that you can make your own by signing up to attend an Order of the Arrow High Adventure program next summer or even the next few summers. For more information regarding OAHA visit adventure.oa-bsa.org to see what each adventure is all about and to fill out your application for an adventure of a lifetime!

-Will McKinley



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Upcoming Events

We have two major events coming up within the next three months! The soonest is Fall Ordeal. It will be held at Camp Elmore on September 19th to the 21st, 2014. And we are expecting a great turnout and have a weekend filled with brotherhood and cheerful service. We hope to see every Arrowman there.



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The second one is on October 24th through the 26th. It is the Haunted Forest. The Haunted Forest is the biggest fundraiser O-Shot-Caw hosts and one of the biggest OA fundraisers in the nation! The money we raise goes towards helping scouts in South Florida Council go to camps through the Joseph Aaron-Abbott Campership Fund. If you and your chapter are helping run the Haunted Forest, make sure to sign up for the fellowship when registration opens. If you plan on attending as a patron, keep your eyes open for when tickets go on sale!

AIA Teams

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge is filled with opportunities to meet new people and have amazing experiences! Some of those opportunities are in our lodge teams. We have 3 separate teams, each different than the other, so feel free to try them all out and find out what suits you best! The first is the Dance Team: a group of arrowmen that dress in authentic Seminole regalia and perform group stomp dances as if they were at a Pow-Wow back in the late 1800's! The second is the Drum Team: a team composed of arrowmen all sitting around a drum, singing to the beat of the drum of Native American songs. The last, but certainly not least, is the ceremonies team. This is the team that you see at every ordeal inducting our new brothers! If acting is your thing, then ceremonies is right for you. Contact the chairman of any team that interests you and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

“Editor’s Notes”



Dear Brothers,

It is a pleasure and honor to write “The Patchwork” for you this year. Coming into this year, I expect to give you the information that all you want! I plan on building the publications committee and hope to make our newsletter more than just an area to read information. “The Patch-

work” is a place for Arrowmen to express their ideas and thoughts on the lodge and activities we participate in. I encourage every Arrowman to strive to participate in expressing themselves through the patchwork.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ryan Rodriguez

Patch Corner

Released this summer was a very special patch that will be available for only a limited time. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of our order, O-Shot-Caw Lodge has created a patch with a specific logo that can be seen on the side. It will only be seen for this centennial anniversary. This patch went on sale at summer ordeal but if you weren’t able to get your hands on them, that’s okay! They are available at the any lodge event at the trading post and will be available until they are sold out! So get them while they are hot! Not only was this patch the only one to be released this summer. At LLD, each attendee was given a gift at the end of LLD which was a spiffy red LLD patch that you can see on LLD article. This was only given to the Arrowmen who attended LLD that year, talk about exclusive! Make sure to keep an eye out this fall for more patches to be released from NOAC promotionals to Haunted Forest!

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Lodge Calendar

Fall Ordeal

Where? Camp Elmore
When? September 19 - 21 2014
Cost? Check Website for details
Why go? To Cheerfully Serve and induct new members.

Haunted Forest

Where? Camp Elmore
When? October 24 - 26, 2014
Cost? Check Website for details
Why go? Help raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Foundation

Section Summit

Where? Tanah-Keeta
When? November 7-9 2014
Cost? Check Website for details
Why go? Come learn more about your role in the OA.