

NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD PETITION: O-SHOT-CAW LODGE 265



2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE LODGE CHIEF



We are extremely proud to present the 2020 O-Shot-Caw Lodge National Service Award Petition.

The Order of the Arrow is built upon the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to others. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge has a long history of giving generous amounts of service to our camps, council, and community. By taking on any opportunity to provide service and always putting others first, our lodge becomes extremely effective in our mission to improve the Scouting experience.

The many active Arrowmen in our lodge are exposed to a multitude of great service opportunities. From staffing council events to building and renovating a new lodge ceremonies ring, our lodge year is filled with fun and meaningful projects. This year, our lodge and chapters conducted several major service projects including the ZooMiami Campsite, the Dirt Patrol camp improvements, and the new Lodge Ceremonies Ring renovation project.

I am so proud to be a member of this mighty lodge, and I know that the timeless value of cheerful service is strong within us.

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Carson Engelmann

Lodge Chief



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMEN



We, the chairmen of the Service Committee in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, are proud to present the 2020 National Service Award Petition. Our lodge have undergone a series of obstacles over the past year. We had to prepare and carryout a district/chapter realignment in our council, as well as go through the COVID -19 pandemic in correlation to all other lodges in our country. But in light of that adversity, it put us in a unique position to think out of the box and come up with innovative ways to carry out lodge functions and service work days in a safe and effective manner.



Throughout this document, you will see how our lodge performed service in not only our council and lodge, but in our South Florida community. We are excited to announce that the O-Shot-Caw lodge have accumulated a grand total of 11,380 hours of service this year. As usual, you will see our three special projects of this year: the Dirt Patrol projects of 2020, the renovations of our ceremonies ring carried out by our arrowmen, and an update on the ZooMiami primitive campsite project. We then visit the various service opportunities our lodge carried out throughout the year, and for those opportunities that do not have their own page, we mention them on the “Misc. Lodge Service” page. As we have undergone a chapter realignment in the middle of the year, the Service Committee decided to rid the chapter service pages for this year to prevent confusion and their service hours are listed in the final summary pages. We are very proud of the hard work our arrowmen put in and we are excited to serve our community again soon. We are never nervous for service!

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Patrick C. Gross & Andrea Marron

Service Chairmen



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SPECIAL PROJECTS PROVIDED IN 2020

O-SHOT-CAW LODGE'S DIRT PATROL



O-Shot-Caw Lodge's Dirt Patrol is a group of lodge members that are concerned with keeping Camp Elmore, one of our Council Camps, environmentally sustainable and in good condition. They often work with organizations such as Natural Resources Conservation Service, Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Broward NatureScape, South Florida Audubon, amongst many others who has assisted by donating to their efforts.



Throughout the entire year, the Dirt Patrol continued to work on native reforestation and exotic eradication in Camp Elmore. They also assisted

with camp maintenance to prepare the camps for council programs and camp renovations. Camp maintenance include string trimming campsites and trails, clearing fishing channels, and planting slash pines in tall weed areas. They also deployed thousands of bugs called "thrips" to help manage the growth of Brazilian Pepper in the long term while keeping it safe for a Florida environment. In doing so, Camp Elmore is now considered a biological control monitoring station over the spread of these in-



sects for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Invasive Plant Species Research. Over the past year, the dirt patrol states to have planted a total of 1,322 native trees, with an ultimate goal of 9,000 trees for years to come.

It's also worth noting that in February, the Dirt Patrol was selected to receive a statewide award by the Florida Urban Forestry Council in the Outstanding Project category.

Our lodge is very proud to have so many dedicated arrowmen participating in this effort.



TOTAL: 48 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 1,654 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS PROVIDED IN 2020

CEREMONIES RING WORKDAYS



Our lodge has been planning a major remodel of the Ron Bell OA Ceremonies Ring at Camp Elmore. Renovations include constructing an altar, sash poles, entry columns, and a triangular fire pit. Blueprints and models for the new ceremonies ring are inspired by the Summit Circle at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. After over a year of planning, O-Shot-Caw arrowmen broke ground and held a series of seven work days throughout December, including a service campout on Dec. 26 to 28.



Arrowmen have had quite the job during these workdays and were crucial to every step of the project. They hauled materials and surveyed the site. They also dug holes for all structures being constructed and installed to provide a natural molding and a foundation. Youth then used a profession pump and mixer to pour cement into each of the

holes. They used steel rebar supports and frames, wooden molds, cinder blocks and mortar to construct these structures. They also set up a gas line using PVC piping to direct propane into the 15 candles used in a typical OA Ceremony. Arrowmen also created a menial road that goes into the ceremonies ring, where excess cement was poured on to.

After many days of hard and meticulous work, our arrowmen turned one of the most ambitious renovations ever planned for Elmore into reality with no materials spared. While there is plenty to be done, O-Shot-Caw ended strong with all the effort demonstrated in this project.



TOTAL: 29 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 542 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS PROVIDED IN 2020

O-SHOT-CAW BUILDS ZOO MIAMI CAMPSITE



The former Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter, now part of the Pah-Ha-Yo-Kee Chapter, began working on a primitive campsite at ZooMiami on Dec 23, 2017. As far as our research can tell, this is the only primitive campsite constructed within a zoo. The project has been a cooperative effort between members of the Lodge, members of the community and ZooMiami staff. Several other organizations have donated trees and shrubs to the site as we near completion.

The campsite sits on a small piece of property at ZooMiami in the middle of some of the last endangered Miami-Dade Pine Rocklands. The site had been declared as contaminated since it was used as a dumping ground. You can hear the lions, tigers, monkeys, and other animals in the zoo from the campsite.

There are well over 500 service hours invested in this project since it's inception. The project would have been completed in Spring 2020 if not for the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were also three Eagle Projects (not included in our hour count) that were a part of this endeavor. The 1st was to build a campfire pit and benches. The 2nd was to build picnic tables for meals. There is a designated area for cooking and eating in order to maintain the primitive nature of the Campsite. The 3rd project was building a dozen more benches.

The side of the building was cleaned and painted so that occupants can project movies and hold nature classes on the site. In addition to regular campsites, we also have constructed two pinwheel-style sites that will accommodate up to 16 hammocks.



TOTAL: 19 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 76 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.
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WINTER ORDEAL - JANUARY 10-12, 2020

CAMP EVERGLADES



The very first lodge event of the year was the Winter Ordeal held at Camp Everglades, one of the few BSA camps within the perimeters of a national park, the weekend of Jan. 10-12.

A lot of people came out to serve, including the **62** new ordeal members as well as the **27** brothers who came back to seal their ties in brotherhood.

Many service projects were executed at this ordeal, including the trimming of overhanging branches over the main road, dig out ash from fire rings, construct and paint 20 benches for the activities field, and paint outhouses, showers, and picnic tables. Adults constructed and installed metal roofs over the pavilions in campsites Crow, Dove, and Egret and built a compost toilet in campsite Quail.

As traditionally done in O-Shot-Caw, the former To-Hopki-Lagi chapter cooked, prepped and served meals to all brothers who attended the weekend. They also prepared food for the ordeal candidates.

On Sunday morning, arrowmen got the chance to participate in our committee fair, where they can learn more about the lodge and how they can get involved. They also participated and observed an L.E.C. business meeting. Clean-up assignments were arranged afterwards.



TOTAL: 194 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 3,104 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.

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LINCOLN MARTI - JANUARY 17-19, 2020

CARLOS ARBOLEYA PARK



Lincoln Marti is a Council event the lodge assists every year, helping with various programs and administrative needs throughout the weekend.

On Jan. 17, the O-Shot-Caw lodge set up an Indian Village, which allowed the lodge to promote the ideals and influences of the Order of the Arrow through the variety of stations and programs.

Scouts could interact with arrowmen through stations such as camp promotions, the games tent, and AIA. Camp promotions allowed scouts to learn about different the three BSA Camps in South Florida Council; Camp Elmore, Camp Everglades, and Camp Sawyer. The games tent allowed scouts to play an Indian dice game as well as arm wrestling, which became a huge hit for the area.

The village also included a dance arbor where scouts and parents can sit and listen to the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Drum Team sing as well as see dancers from the O-Shot-Caw Dance Team perform a variety of dances ranging from Northern Traditional to Prairie Chicken. After the mini-powwows, scouts could come up to the AIA tent and learn more about the dances and the dancer's regalia.



After visiting each station, the participating scouts received a 'Future Arrowman' t-shirt to take home as a souvenir.

The Indian Village turned out to be a success. Scouts had fun learning and experiencing American Indian culture, and existing brothers were interested in getting more involved with the lodge.

We also have members helping with other activities like archery, judging gateways and campsites, and worked as administrative staff.

TOTAL: 30 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 284 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.

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SCOUTMASTER'S CAMPOREE - FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020

MARKHAM PARK



The 61st Scoutmasters Camporee was held on Feb. 14-16 at Markham Park in Sunrise, Fla. At this event, thousands of scouts across South Florida Council, as well as troops from other councils across the state of Florida, get together for a weekend full of competition, fun, and fellowship.

Our lodge supports this event annually, and often helps with set up for the event. This year we helped on Feb. 8th by setting up climbing walls, rope swings, and a series of obstacle courses.

On Friday, Feb. 14, we had a number of arrowmen help set up the American Indian Village display, as well as set up the Heron Grill.



On Saturday, Feb. 15, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge provided programming in the American Indian Village by showcasing a variety of songs and dances, as well as premier several of our committees such as Camp Promotions, Historical, and AIA (refer to Lincoln-Marti to see a more in-depth description of our American Indian Village). We also had an OA High Adventure booth to promote OAHA programs. Troops also got to interact with representatives of the chapter in their district and discuss unit elections, what the chapter does, and when the chapter meets.

Other than the Indian Village, we also had arrowmen assisting with the VOA area of programming, administrative committee, and judging of campsites and gateways for pack/troop competitions. We also had arrowmen assisting with the Saturday night arena show.

We concluded the event by leading scouts' own activities at various locations of the park on Sunday, Feb. 16.



TOTAL: 69 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 1258 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1, 2020

MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE NORTH CAMPUS



Special Olympics is an event we hold dear to our hearts. Despite holding the Lodge Banquet the same weekend, we always have a presence to cater to the community. Each year, we help the athletes in any way we are able, from preparing lunches to setting up tents and chairs on Saturday and serving lunches and cleanup on Sunday.

If you are unfamiliar with Special Olympics, it is a wonderful athletic event where athletes with special needs participate in sporting events across a multitude of competitions. It encourages them to compete to their best ability no matter the outcome.

Our brothers receive much satisfaction and love from the service rendered during this weekend as we are taught humility, patience and compassion from those athletes who live by the Special Olympics Motto: “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

TOTAL: 22 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 150 HOURS OF CHEERFUL AND HEARTFELT SERVICE.

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LODGE FELLOWSHIP WORKDAY- JULY 25, 2020

CAMP ELMORE



After the COVID-19 pandemic hit, various in-person events ended up cancelled, including Section Conference, Summer Ordeal, and NOAC. This event came about in effort to bring brothers back together after the huge gap of in-person programming. The event also provided much needed maintenance at Camp Elmore. To attend, face masks were mandatory and social distancing protocols were instituted to ensure safety for all attendees.

Arrowmen focused on weeding the volleyball court and recreation area. They also cleaned out and reorganized the OA Shed. The chapters realigned and needed to organize the shed to suit the changes. After the work projects ended, attendees were given lunch and were able to swim in the lake on camp property, as well as canoeing and paddle boarding.



TOTAL: 27 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 134 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.
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LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AUGUST 14-16, 2020 - CAMP ELMORE



Lodge Leadership Development is a training weekend where members of our L.E.C. undergo a series of trainings and activities to prepare for the new scouting year. There were 55 arrowmen in attendance.

Continuing the changes implemented from last year's LLD, it seemed natural to split the arrowmen up into patrols and have the trainings be tailored to the patrol design in a post-COVID world. Patrols were kept far apart from each other, keeping a more intimate tone amongst patrols, making the trainings more interactive and engaging. Each patrol had two patrol guides, and all trainings were prerecorded to maintain social distancing protocols. An LLD Staff team were essential to the operation. The Staff Team met multiple times via Zoom to structure the event and carry the event to fruition.



Trainings include, but not limited to, Introduction to the L.E.C., Ethical Controversy, Servant Leadership, and COVID-19: A New Normal. There was also a breakout activity after each training to keep everyone engaged.. Another added element to the weekend is having an opening and closing show, keeping a fun atmosphere to the event.

The event concluded in a Scout's Own service, as well as a final lecture from the Lodge Adviser. The event closed on high remarks and proved to be a success.

**TOTAL: 10 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 285 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.
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FALL ORDEAL - OCTOBER 23-25, 2020

CAMP ELMORE



The O-Shot-Caw Lodge held its Fall Ordeal at Camp Elmore, the weekend of Oct. 23-25.

For this ordeal, the lodge welcomed **22** new ordeal members into the Order of the Arrow. In addition, **8** brothers came to test for their brotherhood, and succeeded.

There were many projects that have been done, by both candidates and members of the lodge. Projects include cleaning out the tool shed, weeding around Tom Tatham shed, cleaning dumpsters, removing Brazilian Pepper, and trimming campsites.

One of the bigger and more exciting projects was breaking ground on the Island project. For the past few years, there has been plans to construct a primitive campsite on the island in the lake. Participants cleared out invasive plants and trees to create a campsite.

On Sunday morning, We held an L.E.C. Business meeting, Scouts own, and cleaned out the kitchen area and bathrooms across camp.



TOTAL: 75 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 1275 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.

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VIGIL BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 19TH, 2020

CAMP ELMORE



On December 19th, Vigil Honor members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge gathered at Camp Elmore for the 51st Annual Vigil Breakfast and Reunion. OA High Adventure Alumni hosted the breakfast. This has been a longstanding tradition in the lodge and gives both new and old members an opportunity to get together, share what's happening in their lives, and remember scouts and scouters that have passed or were not able to attend. The breakfast was in-person, but we also allowed an online element. For those uncomfortable or unable to attend due to COVID-19, Vigil brothers could sign in through Zoom and be included in the festivities.



TOTAL: 13 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 66 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.
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2020 MISCELLANEOUS LODGE SERVICE WITHIN SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL



In addition to the aforementioned service projects and events, arrowmen of the O-Shot-Caw lodge serve in various other events in the South Florida Council.

All chapters of O-Shot-Caw assisted in running Cub Fun Day, an SFC Cub Scout event held at Camp Elmore, Camp Owassa Bauer, and Camp Sawyer. Additionally, members of Totika Fuswa and Pah-Ha-Yo-Kee chapter helped provide camp maintenance in Camp Everglades for Mow Day, where they trimmed and cleared trails and campsites when the camp reopened for the winter.

Not only is service being done by chapters, but individual arrowmen are taking action. For instance, brothers volunteer to be campmasters of Camp Elmore throughout the year, often catering to the needs of camp occupants and council/district events.



**TOTAL: 111 ARROWMEN PROVIDING 1153 HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE.
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CALCULATION OF O-SHOT-CAW LODGE 265 SERVICE HOURS



LODGE EVENTS: 2020

Winter Ordeal	3,104
Lincoln Marti	284
Scoutmaster's Camporee	1,258
Special Olympics	150
Lodge Fellowship / Workday	134
Lodge Leadership Development Weekend	285
Fall Ordeal	1,275
Vigil Breakfast	66
Misc. Lodge Service within Council	1,153

SPECIAL PROJECTS

O-Shot-Caw Dirt Patrol	1,654
OA Ceremonies Ring	542
Zoo Miami	76

TOTAL LODGE EVENT CHEERFUL SERVICE HOURS.... 9.981

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INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER SERVICE HOURS

Elgixin	1,162
Nok-Su	0
Totika Fuswa	234
Pah-Ha-Yo-Kee	3
Kuwa-Chobee	0
TOTAL CHAPTER SERVICE HOURS.....	1,399



**TOTAL ACCUMULATED CHEERFUL SERVICE HOURS FOR
O-SHOT-CAW LODGE 265 FOR THE YEAR OF 2020:**

11,380



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