



The Feather

Echokotee Lodge 200 - North Florida Council 87
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Openings at OA Trail Crew!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT COST TO ATTEND PHILMONT FOR TWO WEEKS WITH THE COUNCIL CONTINGENT? OVER \$2000 DOLLARS, THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY FOR YOUR PARENTS AND YOU TO PAY FOR THE EXCITING TREK THAT CLIMBING THE MOUNTAINS AT PHILMONT HAS TO OFFER. HOWEVER, FOR ARROWMEN AT ECHOKOTEE LODGE, THAT COST CAN BE AROUND \$700 IF YOU GO TO PHILMONT AS A MEMBER OF OA TRAIL CREW.

ALL SESSIONS AT OA TRAIL CREW ARE OPEN, EXCEPT SESSION 6 (DATES AND APPLICATION ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW WEB SITE). THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A MEMBER OF OA TRAIL CREW ARE: BE 16 YEARS OF AGE AT TIME OF ATTENDING TRAIL CREW, BE APPROVED BY YOUR LODGE ADVISER AND CHAPTER ADVISER, MEET THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS, AND HAVE THE DESIRE TO SERVE YOUR FELLOW SCOUT. EVERY MEMBER THAT ATTENDS OA TRAIL CREW WILL BUILD TRAILS AT PHILMONT FOR ONE WEEK, THEN HIKE THE TRAILS OF PHILMONT DURING YOUR SECOND WEEK ON A TREK THAT YOUR CREW DECIDES ON. OVER THE YEARS, MANY ARROWMAN OF ECHOKO-

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TEE LODGE HAVE ATTENDED THIS EXCITING AND CHALLENGING ANNUAL EVENT, AND EVERYONE OF THEM WILL ATTEST THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST EVENTS THEY ACCOMPLISHED IN THEIR SCOUTING CARRER. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, TALK TO YOUR HIGH ADVENTURE CHAIRMAN, DYLAN KILBY OR LODGE ADVISER OR ASSOCIATE LODGE ADVISER PAT WRIGHT. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN TRUE FINANCIAL NEED (NOT GUARANTEED).



Summertime 2010!

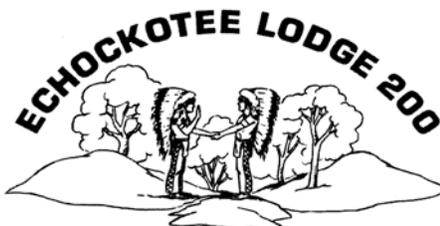
CAMP SHANDS WAS THE HOME FOR NEARLY 1500 YOUTH DURING THE SEVEN WEEK SUMMER CAMP SEASON DURING 2010. THE YOUTH INCLUDED ARMY JROTC, BOY SCOUTS, WEBELOS AND VENTURERS. THE CAMP SHANDS YOUTH RUN (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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My Brothers,

Brothers with the upcoming fellowship being the last time we as a lodge will meet before Section Conference, it is very important that everyone comes down for the weekend. Naturally, we will have the usual food, fun, and fellowship, but we will also be doing lots of service around camp. This service will include several projects that will make major improvements to the camp and help to prepare for the summer camp season. This weekend will once again be a big push to get individuals who are eligible to seal their membership by completing the brotherhood class. As a lodge we will need to have a minimum of 30% brotherhood conversion for us to compete in the Best All-Around lodge competition. However we would like for our lodge's percentage in the brotherhood class to be much higher than this. So it is imperative that all the Brotherhood eligible go through the class this weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fellowship weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris Hume

STAFF INCLUDED FIVE CURRENT LODGE OFFICERS, THREE PAST SECTION OFFICERS AND MANY CHAPTER CHIEFS AND OTHER CHAPTER OFFICERS AS WELL AS ECHOKOTEE LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THREE ECHOKOTEE LODGE CHIEFS SERVED ON STAFF AT THE SAME TIME. WE ALSO HAD TWO ARROWMEN FROM OUR BROTHER LODGES IN SECTION S-4. ARE YOU GETTING THE IDEA OF HOW CAMP SHANDS SUMMER CAMP OPERATES? IT RUNS ON ECHOKOTEE LODGE POWER. SO NOT ONLY DO WE GIVE THOUSANDS OF MAN-HOURS OF CHEERFUL SERVICE TO CAMP SHANDS TO MAKE SURE WE ARE READY TO SUCCESSFULLY OPERATE YEAR ROUND. OUR LODGE LEADERSHIP LEADS BY EXAMPLE, TEACHING, FEEDING, AND FELLOWSHIPING WITH SCOUTS FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTHERN REGION, HELPING THEM ON THEIR TRAIL TO EAGLE.

Arrowmen Serving at Winter Blast

By: Patrick Wright

While most of the 950 Arrowmen of Echokotee Lodge were spending the winter holiday season warm at home, playing X-Box, watching football or just relaxing from the school year. Around forty Echokotee Arrowmen, including our Lodge Chief, staffed the 4th annual Winter Blast at Camp Shands.

Over 400 Boy Scouts, Venturers, Webelos; both participants and staff made Camp Shands their home from the 20-23 December for Webelos and 26-31 December for Boy Scouts and Venturers. While 2010 was a record year for Winter Blast participants, it was also a record for COLD. It Actually snowed during Boy Scout check-in, making Winter Blast truly a Winter Camping experience. Scouts and adult leaders came from as far away as Pennsylvania. Another record for Camp Shands. The forty Arrowmen that served on staff were each given the Winter Blast trademark jacket and a highly sought after Winter Blast

CSP. Over one thousand merit badges were completed during this week long event, including three of the four historical merit badges. The closing campfire high-lighted this very successful camp, during which four of our most recognized Arrowmen recieved some long overdue recognition. Patrick Gherrity,

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Cameron Scoman and Michael Filz received their Eagle Scout Award. Cameron Scoman and Michael Filz also recieved their Venturing Silver Award.

Jonathan Wright recieved his Wood Badge beads and gift certificate for being the runner-up for most popular staff member for Summer Camp 2010. Patrick Gherrity recieved the James E. West Award for being the Most Popular Staff member for Summer Camp 2010. These four dedicated Arrowmen are a great representation of what diligently serving at Echokotee Lodge helps lead to.

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Echockotee Hosts Seminars 2011

By Melissa Wright

The 2010 Section Seminars were held November 5 – 7 at Camp Sand Hill. Approximately 40-50 members of Echockotee Lodge attended the seminars. It was super cold that weekend; however, everyone had a good time. Each campsite had its' own campsite guide, and there was also a coffee pot, coffee, and other miscellaneous items at each campsite. The adults really enjoyed the coffee due to the exteme cold.

In 2011, Echockotee Lodge will be hosting Section Seminars at Camp Shands. I am the adviser for the 2011 Section Seminars and will be getting a committee together very soon.

We plan on having some great training courses in the morning, but want to have a lot of fun in the afternoon. Maybe we will have some friendly competition games between the lodges. We would also like to have the climbing tower and shooting ranges open, so there will be learning and fun to be had by all.

If you have any ideas for classes or games, please let me know. If you are interested in being on staff, please contact me at mhwright1@hotmail.com. I believe Echockotee Lodge can make this seminar the best ever, so please let me know what kind of ideas you have and what classees you would be interested in attending.



Echockotees New Vigil Members

Friday night of Winter Fellowship we opened our program with the Vigil Tap Out ceremony. This year the lodge recognized nine new Vigil members. On the youth side Bradley Watkins, Matt Walsh, Nick Rule, Hayden Roberts and Philip Strauss. On the adult side Perry Sanders, Mary Hume, Lee Hardenbrook, and Bill Walsh. At the Saturday night banquet the lodge was served dinner by their Vigil brothers. The dinner went great and the guest speakers gave wonderful introductions for each new member. Congratulations again to Echockotee's newest Vigil Honor Members.

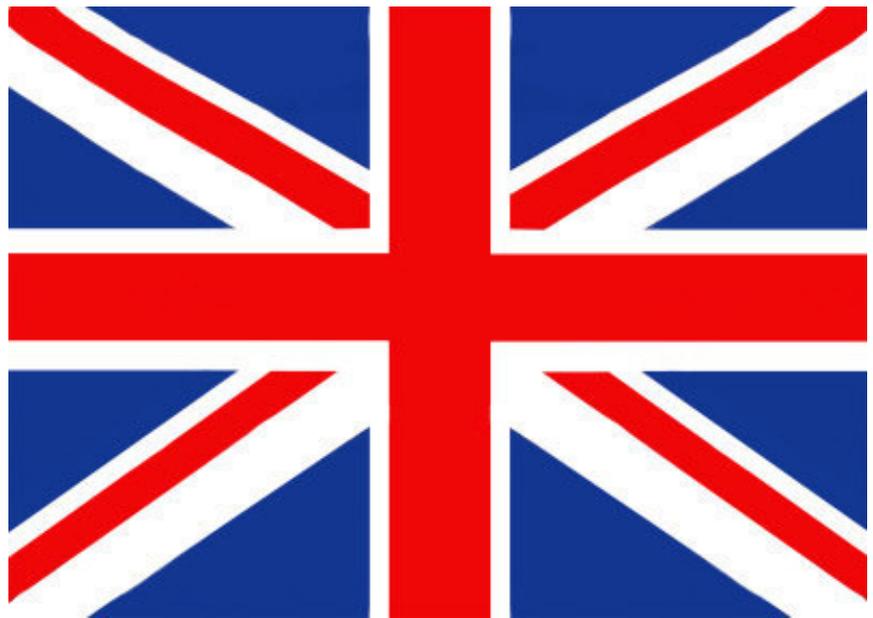
Spring Fellowship British Mania!



Sonic wants to see what your chapter is made of! Lets make it a real cool fellowship by taking the theme to the next level. British Mania is gonna be a rockin weekend full of the best British rock music. Come dressed as your famous British rock star or your best Harry Potter! The games will also be themed to British Mania.

Spring fellowship also has the best weather for Ordeal so remind your chapters new candiates to join the Order.

Gear up and lets have a weekend of fun, service, and fellowhsip!





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Chapter Reports

Elemukulek

By **BRANDON NEWELL**

Hey, Echockotee! I hope your year is going awesome and your having a ball. First off I would like to congratulate the new vigil members from our chapter, Bill Walsh, Matt Walsh, Mary Hume, Bradley Watkins, Philip Strauss, Perry Sanders and Nick Rule; they have all done some awesome service for our lodge and the OA. Things though are going great down in the land of the ducks and we are ready for Spring Fellowship. Our annual camporee was in January and we had a blast with our Mario theme, we had over 25 Arrowmen come out to staff the event. During our Camporee we named our chapter arrow-men of the year, the youth being Chris Faison and the adult Brad Watkins, both of these people have given tremendous time and effort to make our chapter better. This past month we served at the River Bend District Banquet, it was an awesome idea and a great way to give back to our district. Lastly we hope to see everyone at camp Tanah Keeta for section conference.

Oklawaha

By **PETER WYCKOFF**

The Oklawaha Chapter had a very successful beginning

of the year, 2011. We brought home ribbons for second place in Publications and second place in the Bulletin Board competitions at the Winter Fellowship. The Bulletin board theme was the rescue of the Chilean miners, F-E-N-I-X!!! We had 13 Arrowmen attend: Luis served in the Echo Shows, Tommy served in the Lodge Box, Logan chaired the Section Conference Contingent, and Mr. Phil served as the range master for the rifle range. The Vigil banquet saw Mrs. Coutu, Mr. Fernandez and the DE Terry Whitaker serving the meal. Thanks to everyone!

February's Chapter meeting is Thursday the 24th at Troop 380 Scout Hut. Remember the Spring Fellowship This would be a great time to serve as an Elangomat.

Help is needed in Troop elections. We need Arrowmen to schedule dates/times and run the elections. Contact Cody or Mrs. Coutu if you would like to help-

Saturiwa

By **DANIEL SMITH**

Hey there all you honor campers! Saturiwa is doing fantastic, with a large attendance at Winter Fellowship as well as bringing home Sonic and the #1 in Website Award! We are creating a

chapter patch that is going to blow everyone away at Spring Fellowship. Also the chapter served in a variety of ways at the University of Scouting several weeks ago from teacher to cook. Also the attendance at meetings has skyrocketed due to FOOD! FUN! and FELLOWSHIP! Also we are in the midst of unit elections and crossover ceremonies, and we hope to have and even better turnout from the chapter at Spring fellowship so that we can take home Sonic twice in a row. Saturiwa chapter is doing better then ever and we look forward to any challenges presented to us next fellowship in the (British) battle ahead!

Timucuan

By **BRANDON WESTGATE**

The Timucuan Chapter is doing great . We are looking forward for the Spring Fellowship its going to be a great time, as well as taking some things home that weekend. In about a month away our merit badge fair will be here. It's usually a good turnout. That's also our tap out. We are really happy about this year's OA elections which those who got selected by their peers will find out at the merit badge fair tap out. There's a lot of things we are doing to improve are numbers at the meetings and the fellowships.

Section Conference Registration

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 Section Conference \$40 Chapter _____
 T-shirt Size S M L XL XXL (Circle One)
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 Attn: Section Conference 2010
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Dear Brother,

You are invited to attend Section Conference 2011. It will be April 8-10 at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation Jupiter Fl. Cost for this great event is 40.00 which includes admission into section, t-shirt and other goodies. Fill out the registration and send it in today. In order to get a t-shirt orders need to be placed by March 15, 2011.

Thank you
 Logan Memoli
 S-4 Section Conference Chairs

Check out the Section Conference Website for pre orders on patches And other great stuff

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 - Orders will be available for pick-up at the Conference only. If you are unable to attend, please note on your form (in the space provided) who is authorized to pick-up your order, otherwise it will be given to your lodge advisor only.
 - Payment may be via check, money order, or credit card (VISA or MasterCard). Mail your order to the following address: (Do not send your registration for the Conference to this address. You must register through your lodge.) Gulf Stream Council, 96A





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2011 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
January 7-9, 2011	Winter Fellowship Theme: Wacky Winter Jam	Camp Shands
March 4-6, 2011	Spring Fellowship Theme: British Mania	Camp Shands
April 23, 2011	Service Day	Camp Shands
May 20-22, 2011	Summer Fellowship Theme Cheeseburger in Paradise	Camp Shands
August 19-21, 2011	LLD	Camp Shands
Sept. 23-25, 2011	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands

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