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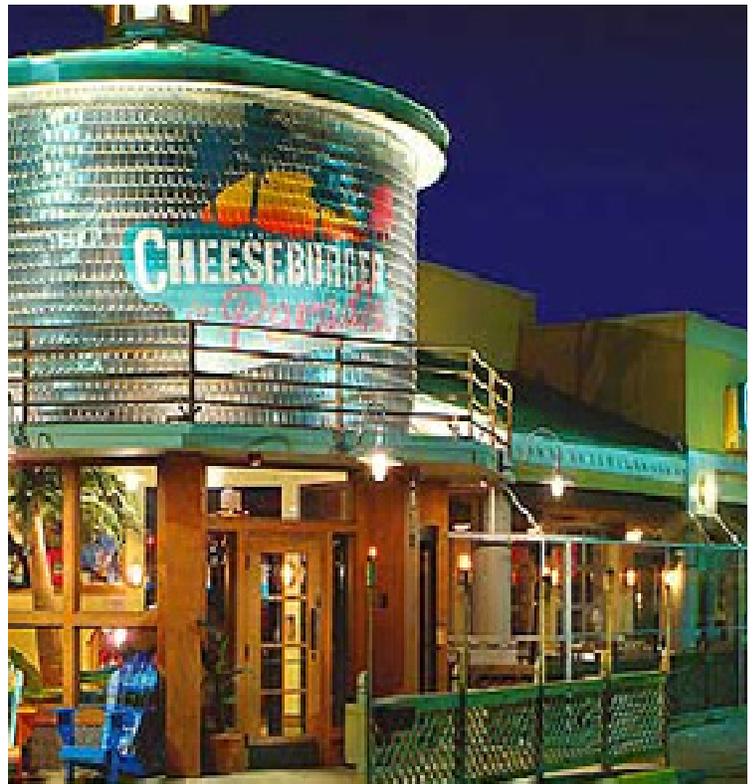
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Summer Edition 2011

## Cheeseburger & Paradise!

By: *Bradley Watkins*

AS MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, SONIC WILL BE UP FOR GRABS YET AGAIN AT THIS COMING SUMMER FELLOWSHIP! EVERY CHAPTER HAS A SHOT AT WINNING AND I'M EXPECTING TO SEE A TON OF SPIRIT FROM EVERY CHAPTER. LET'S END THIS "YEAR" WITH A BANG AND GO ALL OUT WITH THE THEME. CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE IS GONNA BE A RELAXING, SPIRITED WEEK-END FULL OF BEACHY, ISLAND MUSIC. BRING YOUR BEACH BALLS, UMBRELLAS, AND COOLERS TO THIS WEEKEND OF A LIFETIME. COME WEARING YOUR BEST FLORAL SHIRTS AND SWIM TRUNKS. THE GAMES SATURDAY AFTERNOON WILL ALSO BE "CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE" THEME AND ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF THIS WORLD! THEY WILL BE CRAZY, MESSY, AND ALL-AROUND FUN. REMEMBER GUYS, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THE BIGGEST CHAPTER IN THE LODGE DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T WALK AWAY FROM SUMMER FELLOWSHIP WITH SONIC. SO SHOW UP FRIDAY NIGHT READY TO HAVE A BLAST AND SHOW OFF ALL OF THAT ISLAND FEVER THAT'S BEEN BUILDING UP!



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## Founders Award 2011

By: *Patrick Wright*

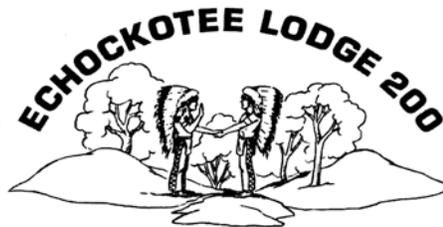
*Former Lodge Chief Jonathan Wright and Associate Lodge Adviser Allan Grinnan received the annual Founder's Awards for their continued cheerful service to Echokotee Lodge, the North Florida Council, and the communities of North Florida. Jonathan "Jon" and Allan were awarded the Founder's Award at the Spring Fellowship. Both Vigil Honor Members of Echokotee Lodge, have made impacts on thousands of Boy Scouts during the start of this new millennium. (Continued on Page 3)*

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Lodge Chief



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Associate Lodge Adviser



PATRICK WRIGHT  
Associate Lodge Adviser



RON FISH  
Associate Lodge Adviser



BRIAN PATTERSON  
Lodge Staff Adviser



My Brothers,

First off I would like to thank everyone involved in Section Conference. Echockotee Lodge placed in the top three in every competition we competed in, this would not have happened without the hard work and dedication that the members of our lodge have put in over the past year so again I want to thank everyone for helping show the section that Echockotee Lodge is strong. Secondly I would like to thank everyone that came out for the Service day at Camp Shands. That day we accomplished more work than we had planned to finish before the fellowship.

On another Note the upcoming Summer Fellowship stands to be the most important fellowship of the year because we will be holding the Chapter and Lodge officer elections. We will be trying something different this year for the Lodge officer elections. In the past we have opened nominations on Sunday morning for youth to run for positions, this has often times led to be nominating their friends and buddies and not always individuals that truly want to serve in that position. This year all individuals that wish to run for a lodge position will be required to have a letter signed from the Chapter adviser to be eligible to run for a position. They also will be required to submit their name or be nominated by the end of the LEC on Saturday night. We are hoping that these minor changes will help to speed the process along on Sunday and still uphold the ideals of the Lodge Officer Election process.

On the Fun side the upcoming fellowship theme is Cheeseburger in paradise, which means we expect to see all of the Jimmy Buffet fans and beach goers out and about at the weekend.

Lastly I would personally like to thank everyone for all of the hard work they have put in the past year to make our Lodge as strong as it has ever been. Without you guys our lodge would not be able to grow and could not possibly continue to be not only one the strongest in our section, but one of the strongest in the Nation. With your help we have truly unleashed the beast that is Echockotee Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris Hume

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*Jon served as the Oglala Chapter Chief for two years, Lodge Historian, Secretary, Vice-Chief of Training, Lodge Chief and Section S-4S Historian. During his tenure as Lodge Chief, Echokottee earned Best All-Around Lodge for the first time in 13 years. He also was selected in Jacksonville as a "12 Kids Who Care" by First Coast News, and a "Holiday Helper" by the Florida Times Union for his annual Toys for Tots, toy drive.*

*Mr. Grinnan served as the Echokottee Lodge Adviser for six years, being the "anchor" of our lodge for each annual change of officers and chairman. Under his leadership, Echokottee Lodge grew in membership and was a Quality Lodge each year. Both of these outstanding Arrowmen have been leaders, mentors and have upheld the highest traditions and values of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow.*

## **Echokottee Lodge Wants You**

*By: Patrick Gherrity*



*Echokottee wants you; yes you, to run for a Lodge or Chapter office. Echokottee Lodge encourages all members who have interest in becoming officers in the lodge or their chapters are encouraged to run. Being an officer provides a unique experience and responsibility. As an officer in Echokottee Lodge, you will gain knowledge and leadership qualities that will help you later with your life's goals. Echokottee encourages all members (currently under 21 and not 21 before 2012 May fellowship) both new and old to run for office. Weary of a Lodge office? Think a Chapter office is where you will help the most? Go for IT!*

*Echokottee looks forward to seeing YOU! at Summer Fellowship.*

*Echokottee offers six lodge office opportunities:*

- Chief*
- Vice Chief of Program*
- Vice Chief of Training*
- Secretary*
- Treasurer*
- Historian*

*Chapter offices include but are not limited to:*

- Chief*
- 1 – 3 Vice Chiefs*
- Secretary*
- Historian*

## **Training Committee Recap**

*By: Alex Williams*

**MY BROTHERS,**

**OUR LODGE HAS HAD A FANTASTIC YEAR FOR TRAINING, WITH EVERYTHING FROM THE BROTHERHOOD CLASS TO LLD AND WINTER FELLOWSHIP. AND BY FANTASTIC, I MEAN RECORD BREAKING. THIS YEAR WE'VE HAD THE HIGHEST BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION RATE IN ECHOKOTTEE LODGE HISTORY.**

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AND AS FAR AS LLD GOES, WE HAD A 115 ATTENDEES, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY UNHEARD OF FOR AN LLD AT ANY LODGE. AND ALSO WITH WINDING DOWN AT WINTER FELLOWSHIP WE HAD MORE CHILLED OUT COURSES AND THERE WAS A COMMITTEE MIDWAY WHICH WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL.

WITH SOMETHING AS LARGE AND IMPORTANT AS TRAINING, IT TAKES A LOT MORE THAN A SINGLE PERSON TO GET THE JOB DONE. YOU MUST HAVE A GREAT TEAM AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAD. OUR TRAINERS THIS YEAR WERE OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER ARROWMEN ECHOCKOTTEE HAD TO OFFER AND THEIR DEDICATION TO PROVIDING THE BEST TRAINING POSSIBLE IS SECOND TO NONE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR ADVISOR MR. BRAD WATKINS, WHO PROVIDED US WITH THE INSIGHT, RESOURCES, AND MENTORING THAT HELPED DEFINE OUR CLASSES. I COULDN'T ASK FOR A GREATER TRAINING ADVISER.

SO FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S TRAINING, THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING ME AND MY TEAM AND A WONDERFUL YEAR!

## Echockotee Wins Kings Cup!

By: Jon Wright

For the fourth time in last seven years that Echockotee Lodge has entered a display for the Kings Cup competition. The best news is, Echockotee Lodge wins again. Seven years ago "E"chockotee "O"s cereal box brought home the trophy, then two years later, the Indian Headdress Brings home the 1st Place Ribbon in the novice category. Then three years ago, the largest working drum ever displayed at a Section Conference wins and now this year, a ship design, with the Boston Echocko"tee" party brings home the Kings Cup trophy to Echockotee



Lodge. Our lodge Historian Joe Saxon , designed and with the help of other arrowmen built the ship and props. Almost all chapters provided pictures, t-shirts and other spirit items to bolster our strong display. The oral presentation was given by our now new Section Vice Chief, Daniel Smith. Congratulations to every member of Echockotee Lodge for the impressive victory!

# Section Conference

By: Logan Memoli

When you hear the words “Section Conference” what comes to mind? If you said fun, competitions, food, fellowship, and an overall awesome weekend, then you’re correct! Section Conference was held at the beautiful Camp Tanah-Keeta in Jupiter Florida, where everything from games, patch trading, and competitions took place. At this past Section Conference there was an amazing display of spirit from all Lodges, especially from our own Echokotee Lodge. From 89 people donning custom T-shirts, to noise-makers and broomsticks, Echokotee was definitely a presence. Personally, I was able to talk to friends from other Lodges, make new friends, and watch some interesting competitions. For instance, a hu-

mongous hamburger that was consumed by 4 members of our Lodge fast enough to obtain a 1st place award!



There were many more competitions. Echokotee Lodge competed in most of them and did rather well. We were awarded 1st in website, 1st in Kings Cup (Historical Display), we were also the runner ups for publications, Best All Around, Inductions, Quest For the Golden Arrow, and Lodge Ball. We had one youth run for the Section Position of Vice-Chief, Daniel Smith was selected via intense caucusing of all the Lodges in the Section. Congratulations to Daniel on winning the race, and now representing not only Echokotee Lodge, but our Section!





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## Chapter Reports

### Elemukulek

By **BRANDON NEWELL**

Hey Echockotee,

I hope everyone has had a successful and amazing year. I would first and foremost like to thank all the members of Elemukulek that have gone above and beyond in making this a great year for both our lodge and chapter. On a side note we had over 30 members from our chapter make the long trip to Tanna Keeta Scout Reservation for the 2011 section conference, talking to our membership I believe everyone had a blast.

If you have not had the chance to attend section conference, anyone in my chapter would highly encourage it. I wish everyone good luck in your endeavors next year.

### Saturiwa

By **DANIEL SMITH**

Hey There All You Honor Campers!

Saturiwa had a blast at Spring Fellowship! The chapter enjoyed the games, ceremonies and cheerful service. And although we didn't win Sonic we plan on coming back even bigger and better at Summer Fellowship, as well as at Section Conference. The new chapter

patch has been a hit with everyone as we show off why Saturiwa is the best. Chapter members are getting ready for the summer when they will be attending OA High Adventure, Indian Summer, and of course Sunny Camp Shands! Saturiwa is doing better then ever and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fellowship! PLANETTTTT!

Yours in Service

Daniel Smith,

### Timucuan

By **BRANDON WESTGATE**

The Timucuan chapter is doing great. We know the year is coming to an end and they are looking forward to seeing who is running for lodge and chapter positions. Our last chapter officer meeting is coming up at Moes. May 12<sup>th</sup> is our last chapter meeting. We are going to have a great time with food from Chick-Fil-A and games. At the summer fellowship we are hoping for a good amount of brothers to show up so that we can make noise and have a good time. Our goal is to try to get Sonic to come spend some time with the Timucuan Chapter. This year has been a blast and the lodge officers have done a great job with planing and making sure that every chapter was having a good time.

### Apieka

By Matthew Faux

Danger..... We're coming from the swamp  
Danger..... So beware of the chomp!!!

Apieka Chapter is having a good year, with growing membership. At the Spring Fellowship, Apieka had a theme of Knights of the Round Table. We had 6 new Ordeal members and 3 Brotherhood Candidates and will have many more coming through at Summer Fellowship. Also at Summer Fellowships, you will not only see us around camp but you will definitely hear us because we have some new spirit cheers that will chomp on you. At our last Chapter meeting we played some of the old classic Echockotee games and decided on our next service project. Well that's it from the Swamp.....See you at Summer Fellowship!!!!

# Chapter Reports Continued



## Oklawaha

By **PETER WYCKOFF**

The Chapter has had a very successful beginning of the year, 2011. At the British Mania Fellowship, Spring Fellowship, we had a good turn out of members, 24 to be exact! The Chapter helped with the burn pile and the boat ramp projects. Some Arrowmen helped with the removal of the stump in front of the Ames, EchoShows, and ceremonies. Thanks to everyone!

Kudus to Logan Memoli for chairing the Section Conference Committee.

Remember the Summer Fellowship is May 20-22 and the theme is Cheeseburger in Paradise, like Jimmy Buffet! ☺☺☺ This would be a great time to serve as an Elegomat. If you want to be an Elegomat contact Mrs. Coutu. Don't forget that we have Lodge elections at the Summer Fellowship!

June's Chapter meeting is Thursday the 23rd at Troop 380 Scout Hut, 7pm.

Thank you for your help in the Troop elections.  
See you in Paradise,  
Peter Wyckoff

## ATTENTION LODGE MEMBERS

By **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**DO YOU WANT EMAIL NOTIFICATION FROM THE LODGE? IF SO, WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN OUR DATABASE. SOME OF THE ITEMS YOU WILL RECEIVE FROM THE LODGE ARE EVENT NOTIFICATION, LAST MINUTE CHANGES FOR EVENTS AND REGISTRATION RECEIPTS.**

**WE HAVE ESTABLISHED USER ACCOUNTS FOR ALL LODGE MEMBERS. YOU MAY OBTAIN YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD ONE OF TWO WAYS. LOG INTO THE LODGE WEBSITE [WWW.ECHOCKOTEE.ORG](http://WWW.ECHOCKOTEE.ORG) AND SELECT THE MEDIA TAB ON THE LEFT OF THE HOME PAGE. SELECT EVENT REGISTRATION AND A NEW WINDOW OR TAB WILL OPEN FOR YOU. ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE MEMBER LOGIN BOX THERE IS A "CREATE OR RESET ACCOUNT" BUTTON. SELECT THIS BUTTON AND FOLLOW THE STEPS TO OBTAIN YOUR USER ACCOUNT. YOU MAY ALSO MEET WITH A MEMBER OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AT THE FELLOWSHIP TO SET UP YOUR USER ACCOUNT.**

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## 2011 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
May 20-22, 2011	Summer Fellowship Theme: Cheeseburger in Paradise	Camp Shands
August 19-21, 2011	LLD	Camp Shands
September 23-25, 2011	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands
October 14-16, 2011	Special Needs Camporee	Camp Echokotee
November 11-13, 2011	Section Seminars	Camp Shands

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