

The Fluffy



North Florida Council

Spring Edition, 2008

Arrowmen Called to Get Active in Committees, Summer Camp

Various committees within Echockotee Lodge are calling for help from members, as is the North Florida Council. All committees would love to have as much participation as they can but two are in particular need. The ceremonies committee is looking for arrowmen who would like to join the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood teams. Last fellowship, nine ceremonialists were forced to bear the load of nine ceremonies between them. Those who are dramatic or good speakers are especially encouraged to join. The Dining Hall committee is also seeking youth, especially those who have an interest in cooking. Long the realm of the...more "mature" crowd of arrowmen, the Dining Hall is looking for a shot of energy from the youth of our lodge who want to have a good time cooking meals and serving the Lodge. Any members interested in either Committee should contact the Lodge Secretary at echockotee.org.

The council is also seeking arrowmen to employ at Camp Shands for Summer Camp staff. As Echockotee members are known for their hard work and dependability, Program Director Pat Wright has commented that he wouldn't mind if every member of the staff had a "flap on their chest." Positions are available for both paid counselor positions and positions as counselors in training, which receive volunteer service credit and tenured pay should they return to staff in following years. For an application go to the North Florida Council, BSA website and open the "Leaders' Guide" for Summer Camp document.

-Joe Charbonnet

"Echockotee"

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"We Are Brothers"

Summer Lodge Service Day Planned

The Lodge's annual service day to prepare for the beginning of Summer Camp at Camp Shands is planned for April 26. The service day, along with service at the Summer Fellowship will help the council camp get ready for its biggest roll of the year, that of serving as host to hundreds of scouts for a week of fun at summer camp.

Though the Lodge recently completed the construction of new tent platforms for the entire camp, there remains much to be done including cleaning, brush clearing, and setting up for camp. The Service Committee encourages members to bring work gloves, tools, and of course a water bottle as hard work from tent assembly to power-washing will be occurring. Please join the lodge on April 26, and help make our council camp all that it can be.

-JC

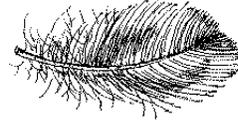
Lodge Geared up for Section Conference

With the 2008 Section S-4S Conference near, the Lodge is prepared to make a strong showing at the event. Section conference, this year hosted at Camp Flying Eagle in Bradenton, FL by Osceola Lodge from April 11-13, is the highlight of the year for many arrowmen.

The section hosted competitions for everything from websites to tug-of-wars, plus evaluations of ceremonies teams and an extremely impressive pow-wow, featuring some of the best dancers in the state.

The lodge had matching t-shirts, noisemakers, and lots of spirit. At press time 100 members of our Lodge had registered to attend. This event always is an excellent opportunity for the lodge to bond and to meet other arrowmen from around the state, as Echockotee pursues the Best All-Around Lodge award.

-JC



Spring Fellowship Has a Little Bit of Everything

Echokotee Lodge's Spring Fellowship at Camp Shands this February 28–March 2 hosted a tremendous gathering bright minds, able bodies, and lots and lots of spirit. Traditionally the largest lodge gathering of the year, the event hosted 411 participants. The ceremonies team also kept busy, performing a total of nine ceremonies for the largest Brotherhood and Ordeal classes in recent memory. A large group of elangomats, including all the chapter chiefs helped to accommodated the large numbers.

Perhaps the most substantial accomplishment of the weekend was the cheerful service which was accom-



Hillbilly costumes were out in full force for the weekend.

plished, an estimated 2800 man-hours. Arrowmen cleared brush on the COPE course and around camp, and chipped it into mulch, and built an erosion control feature around the Green Bar Bill Pavilion. The lodge also reached a major milestone but installing the last new tent platform in Camp Shands, an achievement year in the making. The future summer camp administration was ecstatic to all that the Lodge accomplished.

There were also plenty of fun and games at the Hillbilly-themed weekend. Chapters participated in a variety competitions, and in the end Timucuan chapter walked away with the pig-shaped game award. But it was Saturiwa chapter that took home the biggest honor of the weekend, Sonic the Spirit Award. Saturiwa snapped Elemuklek chapter's long winning streak by dressing to the weekend's theme and with lots and lots of cheering.

Overall, the leadership deemed the weekend a success, but the true sign that it was a good fellowship was the smiles in the cars as scouts headed home. We look forward to seeing all the arrowmen, including our new brothers, at the next fellowship.

- Joe Charbonnet



Arrowmen build an erosion control system at GBB.

Game: **How well do you know Echokotee Lodge? (Answers on page 4)**

1. **On what lake is Camps Shands Located?**
2. **What is the symbol of Echokotee Lodge?**
3. **"Echokotee" means "We Are Brothers" in what native American language?**
4. **How many chapters are in Echokotee Lodge?**
5. **In what year was Echokotee Lodge Founded?**

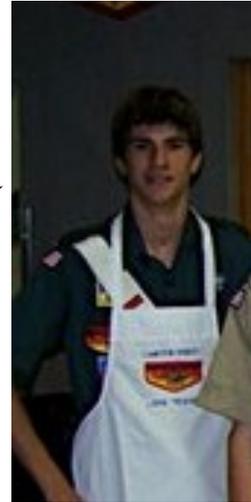
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Lodge Welcomes New Officer

At the Spring Fellowship the LEC voted to approve Cameron Robert as the new Lodge Treasurer. Cameron is technically treasurer-pro tem and will serve out the remainder of the term as a non-voting member of the LEC.

Cameron, a 17 year-old, is active both with Troop 333 in Jacksonville and venturing. A Brotherhood member, he earned his Eagle in October. Cameron has participated in extensive leadership training, both locally at Brownsea Camp and at Philmont with the NAYLE program. In addition to his scouting responsibilities, Cameron also is active in athletics at his school, swimming, running track, and playing soccer. Though soft-spoken, Cameron is clearly excited to be taking on this role and hopes to guide the Lodge financially through the end of the term at the Summer Fellowship. The entire lodge wishes him the best of luck.

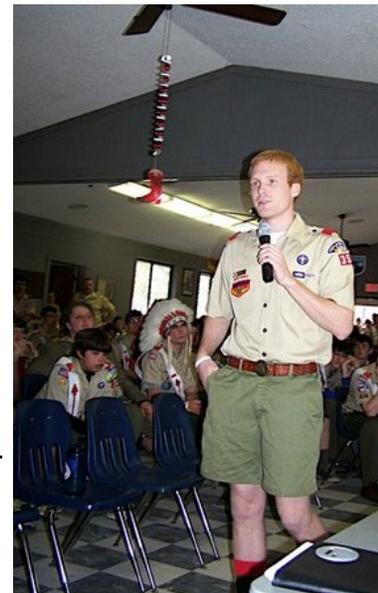
-Joe Charbonnet



Cameron Robert

Former National Officer Speaks at Fellowship

Echokotee Lodge alumnus and former National Vice Chief Seth Mollit presented at the closing of the Lodge business meeting at the Spring Fellowship. Seth stressed the importance of the OA in his life and the wonderful opportunities which it provided him with. Seth tried to impress upon the members of the lodge the opportunities which active membership in the OA provides. To emphasize the point he talked about his own opportunities as an arrowman and national leader including high adventure and meeting newsmakers and politicians. But he reminded the lodge that the best part of his OA experience was making new friends and meeting new people, and encouraged all arrowmen to do the same. At the heart of the OA is brotherhood, and this, Seth emphasized, is what every scout should pursue in their time in the OA.



Seth Mollit at the Spring Fellowship

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2008 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
April 11-13, 2008	Section Conference	Camp Flying Eagle, Brandenton, FL
April 26, 2008	Lodge Service Day	Camp Shands
May 16-18, 2008	Summer Fellowship	Camp Shands
July 27 – August 2, 2008	Brownsea JLT Week	Camp Shands
August 22 & 23, 2008	LLD Seminars	Camp Shands
Sept 26-28, 2008	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands
October 17-19, 2008	Special Needs Camporee	Camp Echokotee
November 7-9, 2008	Section Seminars	Camp Tanah Keeta, Tequesta, FL
December 6, 2008	Lodge Service Day	Camp Echokotee

Answers to quiz (page 2): 1.Lake Osbourne 2. The Handclasp 3.Seminole 4.10 5. 1941
Number Correct: 0-1: time to go camping; 2-3: astute arrowman; 4-5: Echokotee junkie

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