



# The Fluffy

Fall 2009 Edition



## December Service Day

by Service Committee

**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009** will bring Arrowmen to **Camp Echockotee** to perform service to the camp. The service provided will help to benefit the property so it remains a beautiful camp for the scouts of North Florida. We will be kicking off service at 8:00 am and service will last all day. Lunch is provided. This year service will include:

- Front Entrance: beautification and brush removal
- Boat Washing: make 'em shine!
- Pressure Washing: buildings and bathrooms
- First Aid Building: cleaning inside and out
- Campmaster Building: cleaning inside and out
- Brush Clearing: campsites and roadways

If you can bring tools such as: axes, saws, clippers, loppers, pressure washers, and cleaning and scrubbing tools, it would be awesome to have them. Please remember to put your name on any tools you bring. Without the help of dedicated arrowmen, our camps would not be able to function as well as they do. Hope to see everyone for a day of fun, adventure, and cheerful service!!!!

## *Calendar*

**2009**

Dec. 5                      Service Day  
*Camp Echockotee*

**2010**

Jan. 8-10                Winter Fellowship  
*Camp Shands*

Mar. 5-7                 Spring Fellowship  
*Camp Shands*

Apr. 16-18             Section Conference  
*Flaming Arrow SR*

April. 24                Service Day  
*Camp Shands*

## Help Wanted at Winter Blast

by Michael Filz

Do you like good food, good people, making a difference, and free stuff? If the answer to anyone of these questions is yes, then come join myself and others at this year's Winter Blast. Winter Blast is an excellent opportunity for young scouters to grow and achieve. Unlike the past two Winter Blasts, this year will be different. We are offering two separate weeks of fun and excitement, the first for the little boys in blue (Cub Scouts) from Dec 20– 23, 2009 and the second for Ventures and Boy Scouts from Dec 26- 31, 2009. So what we need is YOU! WE NEED YOU TO WORK WINTER BLAST STAFF!

The Order of the Arrow was built for those who strive to serve and for those that give and ask nothing in return. If you are reading this, you are one of those great people. Each staff member will receive a CSP, a very nice jacket, free room and board, and community service hours. All we ask from you is to bring your fountain of knowledge and train the future leadership of Echockotee Lodge and North Florida Council. The only requirement is to be 14 years of age or older and to care about the youth of our council. You don't have to work both weeks, but we do encourage it! I'm asking you to give your service one more time, not with your brawn but your brain. If you have any questions or want to sign up please contact our Camp Director Pat Wright at (904) 704-4610 or pfatbusn@hotmail.com. Remember a great man once said "For he who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest." Dr. E Uner Goodman founder of the OA.



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## Learning for Life

by Aaron Lewis

On October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of our Brothers descended upon Camp Echockotee. Each year, Echockotee Lodge hosts a Special Needs Camporee with the North Florida Council's Learning for Life division, Boy and Girl Scout units, and several community sponsors. The participants in the Camporee were children and young adults with mental and physical handicaps from the community at large and the Learning for Life program.

Participants and their families arrived at Camp Echockotee on Saturday morning to find the Lodge's camporee staff ready with a registration desk, a parking area, a carnival by the waterfront, and a tent for each family in the camp's campsites. Our Arrowmen were directed by Camporee Chairman, Erik Fish. The participants spent the morning and afternoon traveling around camp to forty activity booths set up by OA chapters, Scout units, Girl Scout troops, the our American Indian Activities committee, and more.

About an hour after the complimentary dinner, we began the evening show. Our Arrowmen passed out a few hundred glow sticks to the youth at the beginning of the campfire program and then proceeded to do classic skits, lead the campfire songs, and tell campfire stories. The lodge's Native American dance team performed in full regalia, accompanied by youth drummers and singers. At the end of the program, we handed s'mores out to all the campers and their families. In all, 312 participants and family members came to Camp Echockotee and 206 of them camped overnight in the tents prepared for them.

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