

THE WHITE IBIS

Section Conference Edition



ARROWMAN BECOMES ARROW MAN

A unique feature points the way to the meals at this year's Section Conference. Each attendee arriving today received a small wooden arrow as part of the registration package. The arrow serves as a meal ticket and a valued souvenir. These fantastic additions to the Conference were created by Mr. Karl Bordner.

Mr. Bordner is a distinguished Arrowman, whose scouting career, beginning in 1933, spans seven decades. He is a Vigil Honor holder, an Eagle Scout, and a Silver Beaver recipient. He has served on 29 Woodbadge Staffs and has been a course director 4 times.

Mr. Bordner handcrafted each of the 1230 arrows for this Section Conference. Working alone, Mr. Bordner was able to construct about 100 arrows a day. Each 5-inch arrow is crafted from Florida Rosewood. When asked about the project, Mr. Bordner kept in the true Spirit of Cheerful Service, saying, "I was happy to do it."

SATURDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Mostly cloudy skies. High around 82F. Winds SW 10 to 15 mph. Rain showers likely.

CAMP PREPARATIONS FOR SECTION CONFERENCE

The lush green grass and finely manicured campsites here at Flaming Arrow did not happen by accident. Through the hard work of scores of Arrowmen, the camp underwent a makeover in preparation for this Section Conference.

Several projects were completed to improve the camp and its facilities. These were done at two special Section Conference workdays and at Seminole Lodge's Spring Conclave. Saunders Hall's interior was renovated with new paint, tile, and carpet. The lawn in front was re-landscaped to include a fence, a walkway, new grass, and a sprinkler system. All the campsites were cleaned up and cleared out by Arrowmen to make room for the more than 1000 people attending the Conference. New grass was put in around the entry road to camp, as well as new sprinkler systems throughout the area.



POLK COUNTY BURN BAN IN EFFECT

No ground fires. It's not just a good idea, it's the law.

Drought conditions in this area have left our camp vulnerable to fire. Just last month, a troop camping in the Hopi Campsite built a fire outside of the designated area and left it unattended. The small cooking fire spread rapidly to devastate the Hopi Campsite.

Open burning is no longer allowed at Flaming Arrow, which falls under the jurisdiction of Polk County, Florida. Like all other citizens, the Boy Scouts of America must obey local ordinances. According to Polk County Ordinance 01-03, "...Any and all open and/or outdoor burning in Polk County, which includes but is not limited to campfires, bonfires, and the burning of yard trash and which will except that open and/or outdoor burning which is conducted pursuant to a state-issued permit, is hereby prohibited..."

Fires, including charcoal fires, are prohibited at this time in the campsites at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. Any questions about this policy can be directed to the camp master, Stuart Williams, or the Polk County Fire Department at (863) 534 - 0380.

In case of emergency, payphones are located in front of the trading post.

The Health lodge will only be scanning channels 1 - 7 throughout the weekend. This was reported incorrectly in the Program Booklet.

SATURDAY'S MENU

Breakfast: French Toast, Bacon, Coffee and Juice

Lunch: Ham and Turkey Sandwiches, Potato chips, Cookies, and Punch

Dinner: Choice of Bar-b-que Chicken or Pork Sandwich, with Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and a Brownie

Cracker-Barrel: Ham & Turkey slices, cheese cubes, cookies, crackers, apples

HIDDEN ARROW CLUE

Each newspaper distributed this weekend will include a clue, which can be used to find the Hidden Arrow.

This edition's clue is:

*"Start looking from the crossroads in the front of camp, and go in the direction of: $[(8-6)^*4]^*$ (the cube root of 8) and the whole thing over 4. Then, Multiply that number by $[(A*B)/(C+D)]^*$ (one-eighth of the number from the first equation), where $A=3$, $B=4$, $C=A$, and $D=[(B/2)+1]$. Add the whole thing to a number, which when squared equals a number that is 100 times a number that is in every set of factors for all real numbers. If you reach a sign with facial hair, you've gone too far."*

There is another hidden clue somewhere in camp that will serve as an extra edge to the lodges that manage to find it and read it. Any or all of the lodges participating can get this clue; all you have to do is find it and read it. You only get one hint as to where it is, and that is:

"BACK OF THE ARROW"

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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

The great success of this year's Section Conference is due in part to many hardworking arrowmen. At the head of all these is Mrs. Dottie Brown, the Section Conference Advisor.

Mrs. Brown has been involved in Scouting for 15 years. She has been in the Order of the Arrow for 8 years, and is a Vigil Honor holder. She is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the Council and Regional Venturing Awards, and she was the director of the first Powderhorn in Florida. She has served in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing, as well as on faculty at Philmont.

Mrs. Brown has spent over a year preparing for the Conference. Through all her work, she has demonstrated a true Spirit of Brotherhood. She was among the few to offer their service as Conference Advisor. She was well deserving of the job, of course, after working at previous Section Conferences in the Trading Post. This is, however, the first project this large that she has undertaken. Mrs. Brown is happy to do the job, saying, "It's been a great opportunity to share leadership in the OA with both the youth and the adults."

SAFETY FIRST AT CONFERENCE

Scouting and Brotherhood are wonderful things, but only if safety comes first. We all must be sure we are mindful of our duties to ourselves and our brothers by heeding the advice of our First Aid Staff.

Drink lots of water. By the time you realize you are thirsty, dehydration has already set in. Drink plenty of water *before* you are thirsty and keep yourself well hydrated. Also remember to wear plenty of sunscreen. A sun burn can ruin a perfectly good day easily. As always, there is no running in camp, and all shoes must be closed-toe. The ground at Flaming Arrow isn't always level and falls can result in sprained ankles and bad Conference experiences.

REGISTRATION TENT THE PLACE TO BE

On Friday night, the Registration Tent was the place to be. Over 1000 Arrowmen poured through the area last night. The Registration Tent was abuzz with activity from its opening at noon to its closing at midnight.

The Registration was run by an excellent staff of about 20 arrowmen under the leadership of Harvey Solomon. The process went smoothly for the most part, thanks to the preparation efforts of the Registration Staff. This was truly a demonstration of Brotherhood at its best!

PATCH TRADING DO'S AND DON'TS

A large part of the fun of being an arrowman is the collecting and trading of the beautiful patches created by our lodges and councils. However, we must be mindful of the decisions we make! Please, only youth should trade with youth and adults trade with adults. If you do see a "must have" patch and the trade has to occur between a youth and an adult, be sure that an adult you trust supervises the trade. We want to be sure everyone has a good time and all dealings are fair. Our Conference is intended to be a good time for all, and we need to make sure it stays that way.

KINGS CUP: A ROYAL HEADACHE, BUT A MAJESTIC DISPLAY

As one of the many great events here at Section Conference, there will be a Kings Cup Display Competition. All the lodges have been hard at work preparing their displays for the competition, especially O-Shot-Caw Lodge, who spent much of Friday evening making more noise than the Opening Show! This is, of course, all for the best; from all their banging and building they have constructed a beautiful display.

Be sure to take some time during the day to stop by and see all the Lodges' displays; our Brothers have been very busy and can be proud of the work they've done. The Kings Cup Displays are a great example of the dedication that makes S-4S so great.

"Test the Bow, Make the Journey"

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SEMINAR ALERTS!

Seminars will be held at the following locations today:

Chapel

Founding Fathers
Parliamentary Procedure
Leave No Trace

Leaders' Lounge Porch*

Patch Designs
Elangomat Training
Patch Trading

Road Side of Leaders' Lounge*

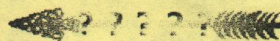
Nuts & Bolts - Ceremonies Team
How To's of Women's Clothing
Camp Promotion

Lake Side of Leaders' Lounge*

Dance Team
How To's of Men's Clothing
Understanding the Ordeal

**Leaders' Lounge is designated as the Health Lodge on the Program map. The Health Lodge is actually the building to the west.*

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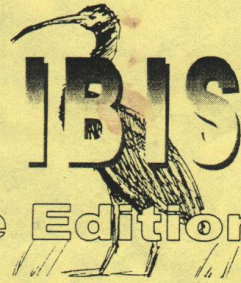
"IT'S BEHIND JOHN."

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MRS. YOUNGS GETS WITH THE PROGRAM

The program booklets for this year's Section Conference were done by Thunderbird Chapter Advisor, Mrs. Roxanne Youngs.

Mrs. Youngs has been active in Scouting for eight years, and has served cheerfully in the OA for two. She is a Brotherhood Honor holder, the Thunderbird District Venturing Chairman, and Advisor for Crew 113. She has worked on numerous projects of this kind in the past. She was responsible for the Silver Beaver Program and the Camp Bulletin Boards here at Section Conference.

Seminole Lodge is very grateful for the hard work she has put into this project and this event. She has truly displayed a commitment to the high ordeals of Brotherhood in the OA.



SUNDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Mostly cloudy, high in the 80s, lows in the 60s. Rain showers likely.

COMPETITION WINNERS

As the Ibis goes to press, almost all the Quest Events have been completed. The following reports are in:

VOLLEYBALL

1st- Echockotee, 2nd- Seminole

5K RUN

1st-Tipisa, 2nd-Seminole

3-WAY BASKETBALL

1st-O-Shot-Caw, 2nd-Timuquan

SHOTGUN

1st-Seminole, 2nd-Osceola, 3rd-O-Shot-Caw

CAN YOU CANOE

1st-Aal-pa-tah, 2nd-Echockotee,

3rd-O-Shot-Caw

BUILD THE RAFT

1st-O-Shot-Caw, 2nd-Seminole,

3rd-Timuquan

TUG OF WAR

1st-O-Shot-Caw, 2nd-Aal-pa-tah

RIFLE SHOOTING

1st-Osceola, 2nd-Echockotee, 3rd-Seminole



MAN DOES NOT SURVIVE ON BREAD ALONE!

Man can not survive on bread alone-- unless he's an arrowman and the bread is covered with tomato sauce, cheese, and pepperoni! Be sure to drop by and pick up a slice of pizza near Jenkins. The Pizza Hut on Wheels will be serving pizza all weekend.

A SCOUT IS HONEST

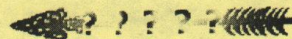
Honesty, one of the 12 familiar points of the Scout Law, was demonstrated by James Infanzar, a member of Seminole Lodge 85. James found a diamond sapphire ring in the parking lot earlier today and promptly returned it to its worried owner. Truly, James has proved himself steadfast in his commitment to the high ideals of Scouting and the OA.

LODGE ATTENDANCE ARTICLE

By this time, you've probably noticed that there are several hundred arrowmen walking all around you and enjoying the Conference. Chances are you don't know most of these people, and there's a very good reason for that. There are over a thousand arrowmen visiting from all over the state, from 8 lodges.

Most of the lodges traveled by bus, including Aal-pa-tah, Osceola, and O-Shot-Caw, who came in their "Heron Shuttle" from Miami. Other lodges, such as Tipisa, came by rented vans or by car. All who came are enjoying their time here at Section Conference.

HIDDEN ARROW CLUE



Congratulations to Tipisa Lodge 326 for successfully finding the Hidden Arrow this morning.

A CORRECTION...

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265, has been incorrectly reported in previous publications as Lodge #286 and #267. Maybe they have Multiple Lodge Number Disorder, maybe we can not count, or maybe your publications staff needs a better pencil. In any case, we apologize for any inconvenience.

CEREMONIES: WE TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY

For those of you who could not sleep Friday night, what were those sounds of chanting and drums? Past brothers come back to haunt us? A bad dream? Too much soda? No - it was some of our cheerful brothers preparing for the Ceremonies Competitions.

Ceremonies have always been an important part of our order, and an elegant reminder of our Indian Heritage. If you didn't make it out to the competitions today, you really missed out. The ceremonies competitions are an important showcase of the lodges' team efforts. They deserve our support, and they sure got it. The competitions went wonderfully, but next time, guys, *please* practice before midnight!

SEMINAR REVIEWS

9:00 AM- Nuts and Bolts of your Ceremony Team, presented by Glen Flemming:

As a ceremonies team principal, Glen led an informative session about ceremony teams, the character of each of the four members (Allowat Sakima, Meteu, Nuticket and Kitchkinet) And how they relate to the pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies. He emphasized that participating on a ceremony team is not "acting" and that each member should try to embody the essence of the Indian he represents. The goal of the team is to make the ceremony as meaningful and believable as possible for the candidates.

Submitted by Dave Ervast, Sr.

10:00 AM-Women's Regalia, presented by Carolyn Bartlett:

Carolyn Bartlett gave a wonderful presentation this morning on women's clothing and regalia. She had several costumes to show us and inspired us all to get out our sewing kits and make our own regalia.

Submitted by Lisa Rauschmiller

10:00 AM- Elangomat Training

presented by Glen Flemming: The position of Elangomat (Friend) is perhaps the most important job an arrowman can perform. This was the guiding principle that came out of Glen's discussion earlier today. The Elangomat is the first OA member that a candidate really meets, and the impression he makes on the candidate sets the tone for that candidate's future participation. He also covered the duties and responsibilities of an Elangomat which include setting the example, faithfully keeping to the Four Tests himself, and watching out for the members of his clan by making sure they drink enough water, hold true to their promises, etc. At your lodge's ordeal, consider reaffirming your obligation by serving as an Elangomat.

Submitted by Dave Ervast, Sr

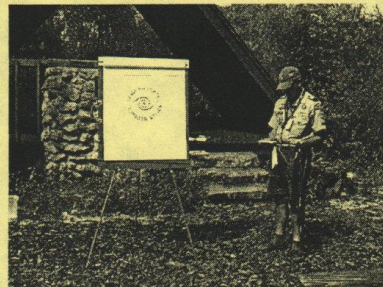
11:00 AM- Understanding the Ordeal, presented by Glen Flemming: For Ordeal Candidates the symbolism and meaning of the pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies are difficult to absorb. Glen led us through the elements and explained them as well as the meanings of the tokens used, such as the bow, bowstring, arrow, and rope. The discussion that followed emphasized that attending ceremonies often as an observer is one of the best ways to gain additional insight and understanding. He also said that everything you ever wanted to know about the OA can be found in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony; you just may not have realized it yet.

Submitted by Dave Ervast, Sr.

11:00 AM- Leave No Trace Hiking and Camping, presented by Jackson Morris:

This presentation was about outdoor ethics and how to promote greater awareness to preserve our outdoors for our future generations. Leave no trace applies to city parks, Scout camps, and our wilderness areas. The seven principles of leave no trace are: Plan ahead & prepare, Travel & camp on durable surfaces, Dispose of waste properly, Leave what you find, Minimize campfire impacts, Respect wild life, and Be considerate of other visitors. Mr. Morris' presentation was very informative, and truly left a lasting impression on the attendees.

Submitted by Jennifer Combee



OFFICIAL REACTION

"Outstanding success!" That is the way Jeff Jonasen described this Section Conference. Jeff, our section advisor, was busily preparing awards for presentation as tonight show. Jeff has worked as hard as anyone on preparation for the conference.

Nathan Finnin, Southern Region Chief hailing from Klahican Lodge #331 out of Wilmington, North Carolina, is collecting ideas to take back to his section event. This conference is his second as Region Chief. Nathan liked the King's Cup competition which, he says, heightens a sense of individual lodge history. His Section S-7B "conclaves" emphasize the history of the whole section. He says he is meeting great people who are always helpful and cheerful.

"This conference reflects the many hours the Council of Chiefs and Seminole Lodge has put into preparation" - this according to Chris Crowley, Section S-4S Chief. He says that everyone's mood reflects a spectacular time being had by all. Asked to describe the conference in a single word, Chris says: "Awesome!"

KING CUP COMPETITIONS BETTER THAN EVER

Head Judge Jaime Moreno says that this year's King's Cup Competition was an outstanding success. Six lodges entered this year's competition: O-Shot-Caw, Tipisa, Seminole, Timuquan, Echowkotee and Simialachee all had creative entries. Jaime believes this year's entries show vast improvement over last year's, showing amazing creativity. Many more spectators viewed the displays than ever before. The winning entry will be announced at the Sunday morning business meeting.

A SPECIAL THANKS

Seminole Lodge would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Walter Totten of J. C. Penny, Lakeland for the donation of 3600 candy bars to the Conference.

QUOTES FROM SCOUTS ON THE STREET

How is your Section Conference experience so far?

"I'm having a good time... food's been great... the Vigil Breakfast was excellent."
--Brad Kangas and John Trapp, Timuquan Lodge

"It's great. The best Section Conference I've been to yet!" --Joe Meyer, Seminole Lodge

"It's going good." --James Breslin, Tipisaw Lodge

"It's tight!" --Adam and Will Green, Echowkotee Lodge

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LUNCH MADNESS

Today's delicious lunches didn't happen by accident. Before the masses consumed their fill, Wood Hall, under the direction of Aaron Pickle and Chef Lee, was transformed into a fast-moving workshop of sandwich-producing efficiency. A select group of food stuffers created 1,200 plus ham and turkey sandwiches, with not a minute to spare. Coming down to the end, numbers were crunching and the last hungry arrowmen began dribbling in as the last lunch bags were distributed. Luckily, in the end, out of the madness came enough lunches to feed the entire Section.

KINGS CUP

This year's Kings Cup turned out to be an outstanding success. We were glad to have amazing attendance, with six of our eight lodges entered in the competition. O-Shot-Caw, Tipisa, Seminole, Timuquan, Echowkotee, and Semialachee all entered displays. The displays showed vast improvements from last year's, and were the source of amazing amounts of creativity. Results of the judging will be announced at the business meeting.



Echowkotee's Kings Cup Display

BASKETBALL COURT A MAJOR HIT!

One of the busiest places in camp all day was the basketball court in front of the Trading Post. Hundreds of arrowmen cycled through the area throughout the day, playing game after game of regular and three-way basketball. Beside the numerous quick games that took place, the court was the site of the Three Way Basketball Quest Game. Everyone seemed to have a good time, with only minimal injuries.



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