



THE

TORCH



Section 4 South Conference 2003

Issue I

April 5, 2003

Good Morning!

Welcome to the 2003 Section Conference at Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation. Now that you're checked in, rested, and eating, it's time to start thinking about what you will do with your time here this weekend. This edition of *The Torch* contains everything you need to know to get started, as well as information about the attractions open for your enjoyment. *The Torch* will be distributed again after dinner and once more on Sunday before you depart. Enjoy your weekend!

Checking In...

Starting about noon yesterday, Wallwood was bombarded with Arrowmen from around the section. Due to the wide area covered by S-4S, lodges arrived sporadically, with the greatest volume coming in after 5:00. According to traffic control staff, vehicles were not as big of a problem as they were expected to be. However, the registration staff reminds everyone to only keep registered vehicles in the campsites, and to make sure that those vehicles clearly display their passes.



What a Show!

Everyone seemed to be in agreement that the conference was started off well with a magnificent show last night. Whether it was the lighting of the Statue of Liberty, the firm admonition of the Section Chief, or the emotional musical selections, the whole show was a spectacle of special moments. Look on the back page for an explanation of the programs the Region and National Chiefs spoke of last night, as well as the URL for more information.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY...

6:00 am	5-K Run (Quest Event) – Main Gate
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – dining tent
7:15 -8.15 am	Vigil Breakfast (Ticket Required) – Dining Hall
8:30 am	Trading Post / OA Grill Opens Pre-Order Pick-up Resumes – Senior Staff Building
8:45 am	Judges Report to Activities
9:00 am	Training Begins – Various Shelters Ceremonies Competition Begins – OA ring Inductions Administration Competition Begins – Tent Next to Health Lodge Publication Judging Begins – Tent Next to Administration Building Best All-Around Lodge Competition – Woodward Building Skilled Solo Competition – Indian Village Kings Cup Viewing – Fragley Building Displays and Demonstrations – Various Places Around Camp
10:00 am	Singing Competition – Indian Village
11:00 am	Group Dance Competition – Indian Village
11:00 pm	Sheriff's Posse Demonstration – Main Camp
12:00 pm	Training Ends
12:00 pm	Pre-Order Pick-up ends
12:00 pm	BMX free ride – BMX Track
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Dining Tent
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Ordeal Luncheon – Dining Hall
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Navy Band Concert – Front of Dining Tent
1:30 pm	Quest Events Begin Group Dance Competition – Indian Village Singing Competition – Indian Village
2:00 – 4:00 pm	SWAT Team Demonstration
4:00 pm	Quest Events End
4:15 pm	Adult Sink-A-Thon – Waterfront
5:15 pm	Advisor BMX Race – BMX Track
5:30 pm	OA Trail Crew / OA Northern Tier Reunion – Dining Tent
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner – Dining Tent and Dining Hall
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Festival of Feathers – Indian Village Individual Dance Competition – Indian Village Clothing Competition – Indian Village
9:30 pm	Trading Post / OA Grill Closes BMX Track Closes

9:30 pm	Pre-show – Council Ring
10:00 pm	Closing Show – Council Ring
11:00 pm	Trading Post / OA Grill Opens
11:00 pm	Cracker-barrel – Dining Tent Council of Chiefs – Woodward building
12:30 am	Quiet Time

Seminar Schedule

Be sure to visit the various training seminars scheduled to begin at 9:00 this morning. Experts from around the section will be giving quality information on the latest methods for running a lodge, dancing, mentoring, and much more. Below is an abbreviated schedule; see your Conference Guidebook for a more detailed version.

9:00-	Explanation of Dance Clothing – Handicraft Brotherhood Conversion- BMX Shelter Patch Trading for Beginners- Dining Hall Being an Effective Lodge Advisor- Scoutcraft Creating a Quality Lodge Publication-Dining Tent Video: Intro. To Native American Pow-wow-OA Shelter Starting a Lodge Dance Team-Ecology Lodge
10:00-	Communicating-Dining Hall Scoutreach Mentoring-Ecology Lodge Effective Chapter Systems-Dining Tent Overview of Ladies Dance Clothing-Handicraft Video:Men/Women's Dance Styles-OA Shelter Basic Southeastern Men's Clothing-Scoutcraft
11:00-	Jumpstart-OA Shelter OA Strategic Plan 2003-2007-Dining Hall Planning NOAC Contingent-Ecology Lodge Membership Retention-BMX Shelter Analysis of Dance Clothing-Dining Tent Hiking the Florida Trail-Scoutcraft Ladies' Dancing/Clothing-Handicraft
2:00-	-Video on Fancy Dance-OA Shelter
3:00-	-Video on Dance Styles-OA Shelter



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THE BACK PAGE

At the campfire last night, the Region and National Chiefs encouraged Arrowmen to take part in several high-adventure programs this summer. The following is a quick recount of those programs:

OA Trail Crew- Arrowmen spend two weeks at Philmont Scout Ranch; one week working on trail improvements and other service projects, and the other week on a real trek. Check out <http://www.oa-bsa.org/> for more details.

OA Voyage- Arrowmen spend two weeks at Northern Tier working on various service projects and then taking their own trip down the waters between the U.S. and Canada. Check out <http://www.oa-bsa.org/> for more details.

OA Indian Summer- This is a chance for Arrowmen to learn about Native American culture and tradition. Dancing, costuming, crafts, and ceremonial demonstrations will be just the tip of the iceberg. Check out <http://www.oa-bsa.org/> for more details.

Look Into the Past...

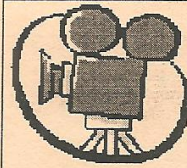
Don't forget to visit the Wallwood Museum of Boy Scout Memorabilia, located in the rear half of the Trading Post building. The museum features memorabilia from the history of this council, as well as that of Scouting in general. Patches and other memorabilia from this section are also on display. There will be a small amount of merchandise for sale as well, so be sure to have a look.

Chiggers and Cacti and Gophers... oh my...

While Wallwood is a fun place for scouts, animals also enjoy its warm sunshine and wooded areas. Be careful that you don't disturb the wildlife, particularly the gopher tortoises that make burrows along the roads. Also beware of chiggers which live in tall grass and in Spanish moss. Finally, avoid the cacti; while it may seem useless, it is a harmless plant nonetheless.

HUNGRY?

The Roadkill Grill, located next to the trading post, will be selling snacks and drinks to curb your appetite until mealtime. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, onion blossoms, BBQ Sandwiches, french fries, nachos and cheese, and candy. They're open until 11:00 PM on Saturday, so check it out!



PLAYBILL!

Awards and more!

Don't miss the Saturday night show!

WE HAVE VENDORS

Be sure to check out Cherokee Field; several vendors have set up shop and have merchandise available for purchase. Vendors include the Wind River Trading Company, Art by Bonnie, Harvard and Laney Burney, and others. An Indian village reenactment is also located in this area. Don't miss out on seeing some great stuff.

King's Cup Competition

The King's Cup Competition will be held in the Fragley Building between Chiaha and Yuchi. Entries may be viewed starting at 9:00 AM today. The King's Cup Competition is a combination of two old competitions rolled into one- the bulletin board and scrapbook competitions. The winners will be announced at the Saturday night campfire. Come by to learn about each of Section 4 South's lodges by viewing these displays.

A Statue Story...

Wondering where we got that big Statue of Liberty that you saw on the stage last night? That statue is one of a rare series with a lengthy history.

The statue is actually one in a set that was inspired by a patriotic movement called "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty". The movement was sponsored by BSA between 1949 and 1951, and was originally started by a Kansas City Scouter by the name of J.P. Whitaker. The statues produced in this lot are made of multiple sheets of hammered copper, cast to appear as bronze. They weigh an average of 290 pounds, and stand about 8 feet tall.

Remember This!

If you're an Ordeal or Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, we've got a special event for you! The following is a guide to those events:

Vigil Breakfast: 7:15 to 7:30

Ordeal Luncheon: 12:00 – 1:00



Reminder:

Remember to drink plenty of **WATER** to avoid dehydration.

BMX!

If you have a spare moment, check out one of the most exciting parts of Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation, the Jimmie Crowder BMX Track! The track will be open several times throughout the day.

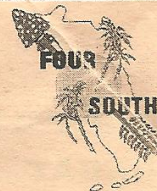
The BMX track will open at 12:00 PM for a free-ride period which will last until the Advisor's Race at 5:15. The track will also be used during the Quest events, after which another free-ride period will be given. The track will close at 9:30 PM.

The camp provides the basic safety equipment, including knee and elbow pads. The camp also has helmets, and of course the bikes. All you have to do is be willing to have fun! Come on out and see the track!



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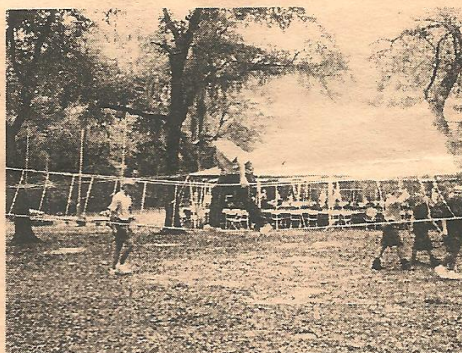
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Good Evening!

You've made it through the day so far, but an evening of excitement and fellowship still awaits you. This edition of *The Torch* contains a recap of all the events today, as well as a quick look at what will go on Sunday. You'll also find information on checkout procedures. Enjoy your evening, and don't forget to pick up tomorrow's edition of *The Torch*.

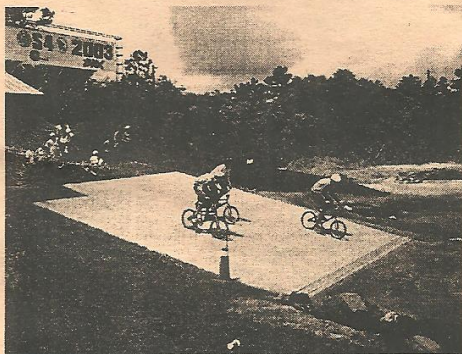


Seminars a Success!

After breakfast, over 20 seminars were conducted around the camp, ranging from Native American clothing and dancing to running an effective lodge. Training was conducted by experts from in and around S-4S. The attendance was reported to be very good.

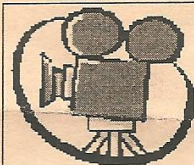
BMX Blast

Several events were held today at the Jimmie Crowder BMX Racing Course. The track was open for free riding for most of the day, and was host to an Advisors' race at 5:15.



SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY...

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – Dining Tent
8:45 am	Interfaith Worship Service – Council Ring
9:00 am	S-4S Section Business Meeting– Council Ring
12:00 pm	Trading Post and Road Kill Grill Close



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CHECK THIS OUT!

Hope you brought your sweet tooth with you; tonight, Steak and Shake will be doing sundaes for the entire camp! The sundaes will be served after dinner near the dining tent. The sundaes will come in two flavors, chocolate fudge and strawberry. Be ready for a killer dessert!



Exhibitions!

Arrowmen were treated to a number of interesting exhibitions around camp this morning.

The Gadsden County Sherriff's Department brought out horses and riders for a demonstration of a real posse.

The United States Navy was on hand for musical entertainment and information about joining and recruiting.

Troop 44 of Tallahassee brought out its expert pioneering crew to build a monkey bridge in record time.

The Indian Village was open all day to give Arrowmen a glance into the culture of Native Americans.

The Florida Trailwalkers' Association and the Fish and Wildlife Commission came out to distribute information.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross was on hand to demonstrate the latest in safe methods for homebuilding and to distribute information.

Have You Been To The Trading Post Yet?

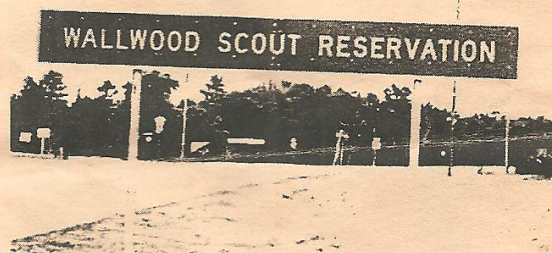
If you haven't been to the trading post, NOW is the time! T-Shirts, hats, pins, OA supplies (sashes, etc.), patches, and other things will be available. The trading post will be open until 11:00 PM Saturday night. Be sure to drop by!

Conference Draws Scouters From Years Past

This year's conference has not only been a draw for current Arrowmen, but also for Arrowmen who have been out of the area or inactive in Scouting for years. As a matter of fact, Sean Cox, the National Chief from 1992 is on camp with us tonight. It just goes to show that Scouting is truly a program you can always return to.

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The Roadkill Grill, located next to the trading post, will be selling snacks and drinks to curb your appetite until mealtime. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, onion blossoms, BBQ Sandwiches, french fries, nachos and cheese, and candy. They're open until 11:00 PM on Saturday, so check it out!



Why Was There a Sash on That Sign?

A few people were asking this morning why there was a brotherhood sash attached to the above sign. After a little detective work, *The Torch* found out that this was actually a decoration put up by the Lodge Chief, Andy Greene, to direct Arrowmen to the conference.



Reminder:

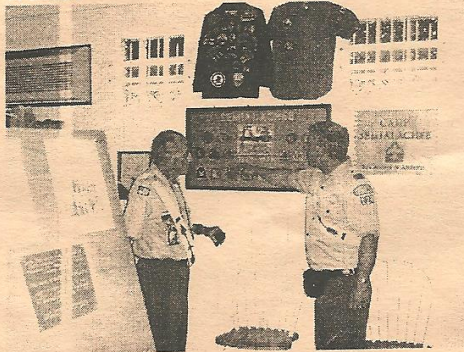
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FRESH OF THE GRILL!

Tonight's dinner was prepared on the barbeque by some of Semialachee's greatest chefs, along with helpers from various lodges.

If You Haven't Already...

If you haven't stopped by the Wallwood Museum of Boy Scout Memorabilia today, you should do so! The exhibits cover the history of our lodge, our council, the section, and Scouting in general. There are also patches for sale, particularly CSP's from around the country, and around the world!



All Are Accounted For...

If you haven't noticed, the new totem pole between the trading post and the dining hall is dedicated to the totems of the lodges of Section 4 South. The pole was carved by members of troop 44 of Tallahassee specifically for this event. Scout leaders and scouts alike shared in the carving, and the pole was constructed using guidelines as consistent as possible with totem poles created by Native Americans.



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So Long!

Another section conference has passed into the history books, and YOU were a part of it. The members of Semialachee Lodge 239 would like to extend their best wishes to all of the attending lodges in the coming year, and wish them a safe return home. Additionally, the Suwannee River Area Council invites you to visit Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation anytime for camping, for BMX, or just to visit a place out of the ordinary. You'll find all the information you need to contact our main scout office in Tallahassee on Page 3 of *The Torch*.

In this issue of *The Torch*, we have detailed information about Sunday activities, and a list of credits and thank-yous to the folks who made this conference happen. Enjoy the remainder of your stay at Wallwood; we can't wait to host this event again.



RETURN OF THE STATUE

The Wallwood Statue of Liberty replica, which was recently unveiled and later lit at the Friday night campfire, returned to its home in the Wallwood Museum of Boy Scout Memorabilia Saturday afternoon. The museum plans to showcase the statue for several months to commemorate this weekend. The museum staff urges anyone who has not come into the museum to do so and view the full history of Wallwood's Lady Liberty.

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7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – Dining Tent
8:45 am	Interfaith Worship Service – Council Ring
9:00 am	S-4S Section Business Meeting – Council Ring
12:00 pm	Trading Post and Road Kill Grill Close

Have You Been To The Trading Post Lately?

If you have yet to go to the trading post, NOW is the time to go! There's still a lot of merchandise needing to be sold. T-Shirts, hats, and pins are available, as well as basic OA necessities. The trading post will be open until noon Sunday, so get your final purchases now while there's still time!

A Scout is Reverent...

In keeping with our duty to God, an interfaith church service will be held at the Council Ring this morning at 8:45 AM. Please make plans to attend this service.

CHIEF'S COMMENT

At the Saturday night program, we were able to get Section Chief Seth Mollitt's opinion on the outcome of the conference: "This conference has been a huge success. The Arrowmen of Semialachee Lodge 239 have put in a lot of hard work in preparing for this conference. I think the Arrowmen of S-4S have really enjoyed it; I know I have."

Excellent Attendance!

This weekend's section conference has been made even more memorable by the turnout of lodge members from each lodge. The total registration for this weekend was approximately 826 participants. Aal-Pa-Tah registered 62 participants, Echockotee had 95, Osceola had 59, O-Shot-Caw had 162, Seminole had 103, Timuquan had 52, Tipisa had 179, Semialachee had 108, and there were six attendees from out of section, mostly from Yustaga Lodge 385. Yustaga was once in the same section as Semialachee, and their attendance is appreciated. Thank you one and all for making the trip up here!

AS PROMISED...

The Suwannee River Area Council is available at the following contact information.

Suwannee River Area Council
2729 West Pensacola St.
Tallahassee, FL 32304
(850)-576-4146
Fax: 575-6991

Business Meeting Today

The annual section business meeting will be held at the Council Ring at 9:00 AM to conduct the official business of the section. New section officers will be elected, and other section business will be discussed. Everyone should attend this meeting.

Checkout Reminders...

While this weekend has gone fairly well, it still pays to be informed about how checking out will go, so that we can move everyone through the process as quickly as possible.

As with all scouting events, we need your help in getting the camp cleaned up and ready for its next event, which comes no later than next weekend. Please make sure your campsite is free of trash and everything you brought with you gear-wise is leaving with you as well.

If you happened to move any bedding or other camp supplies during the weekend, we ask that you please return them to their original places.

Vehicles will arrive at campsites at specified times to pick up gear. Separate vehicles will be destined to carry gear to either the buses or BMX area, and the vehicles will be marked visibly as such. Gear will need to be unloaded from the vehicles by representatives of the Lodge to whom the gear belongs. Please consult the next column for the proper equipment pickup times for each lodge.

Equipment Pickup Times

Echockotee	7:00am
Aal-Pa-Tah	7:30
Osceola	8:00
Tipisa	8:30
O-Shot-Caw	9:00
Timuquan	9:30
Seminole	10:00

A SPECIAL DONATION...

The Wallwood Museum of Boy Scout Memorabilia will now have a very interesting new piece for its OA visitors. The national chief, Seminole Lodge 85's very own Nick Digorolamo, donated an autographed lodge flap to the museum. The new flap will be housed along with the other memorabilia generated by the conference. The display on this weekend's events should be completed by the summer camp season.



Thank You's

The success of this section conference cannot be attributed to the work of Semialachee Lodge 239 alone. Rather, we would like to thank all of the people, organizations and businesses that made our work possible:

- Talquin Electric
- Leon County Sherriff's Dept.
- Florida State University
- Durra-print
- The American Red Cross-Capital Area Chapter
- The Gadsden County Sherriff's Dept.
- The United States Marine Corps.
- The United States Navy
- The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
- The Florida Trailwalkers' Association
- Coca-Cola
- Steak and Shake
- ADT Security
- The United States Army
- Ms. Debra J. Ray
- Wind River Trading Company
- Art by Bonnie
- Harvard and Laney Burney
- Our tireless electricians: Walt Pullens and Larry LaBelle
- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
- Troops 44 and 118 of the local council.
- Our cooks: Donella Russ, Ruby Harrell, Jack Levins, Wayne Fallis, W.E. Atkins, Jerry Moser, Eugene Jenkins, T.J. Payne, Marvin Thomas, Karen Branch, and others.

There are many more individuals than we could possibly remember and name who have worked tirelessly to bring this magnificent section conference to you. To all of those individuals, our hats are off to you; this camp is a different camp because of your efforts.

OUR LEADERS

Semialachee Lodge 239 is led by a fantastic group of Scouts and Scouters who have been the glue in keeping this conference held solidly together.

CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN:
Daniel McMillan

CONFERENCE ADVISOR:
Dr. Larry Kubiak

CONFERENCE STAFF ADVISOR:
Dave Jameson

LODGE ADVISOR:
Paul Wittig

LODGE ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:
Bruce Walther

LODGE CHIEF:
Andy Greene

It's Been a Pleasure!

The Torch has been proudly brought to you by the Conference Publications Committee, who would like to wish everyone a SAFE trip home and a bright future in Scouting.

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