



2004 S-4S Section Conference

Gazette

S-4S CARNIVAL!!!



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The S-4S Carnival last night was a hit. The Arrowmen of Section S-4S enjoyed some camaraderie, as well as some good old "midway" fun. Cary Black from O-Shot-Caw Lodge said, "The cotton candy was good." Justin Kelly from Seminole Lodge was heard saying, "I like the bowling." Sam Martinez from Osceola Lodge agreed, saying, "It was fun, bowling was the best."



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Menu

Saturday Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs with Sausage
Pancakes with the Works
Fruit Juice, Milk, Coffee

Saturday Lunch

Sub Sandwiches
Chips, Apple, Soda

Saturday Dinner

Texas Barbeque Beef Stew, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Garden Salad with Dressing, Soft Breadsticks, Sweet Iced Tea, Bug Juice, Coffee

Lodge Flap Flip

Come out to the basketball court east of the Trading Post at 8:00am this morning to compete in the Lodge Flap Flip competition. Members from all lodges will try to assemble their lodge flap from cut up pieces like a jigsaw puzzle.

Religious Services

There will be a Jewish Service in the Chapel from 7:30-8:00am this morning. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Prize Patrol

Keep an eye out for the Prize Patrol. These wandering Arrowmen are willing to give out prizes and candy to anybody.

Corn Cob Bash

Come on down to the dining tent at 3:30pm this afternoon for the Corn Cob Bash. The Corn Cob Bash is basically what it sounds like: lots, and lots of corn. Save up your appetite and get ready to pig out.

Native American Events

The Indian Events Committee has come up with some interesting and informative events for its fellow Arrowmen. Many events will be arranged either at the Indian Village, or about the Native American Arbor. We have Arrowmen and non-Arrowmen alike coming to teach different seminars. Various dance competitions have been set up during Saturday to indulge your Indian needs. Some of the competitions will include crafts, clothing, individual dance, skilled solo dance, singing, and group dance. We hope to see many of you visiting the Indian Village and taking a look at many of the crafts and items that our vendors will be selling. Yes, this weekend is filled with fun and feathers at the Indian Village. Some come on over and check it out.

Training

From 11:00am-2:00pm, there will be training sessions in the parade field. These seminars are planned to be very informative and help with the leadership and direction of any lodge. Some examples of seminars are: Lodge Finances, Leave No Trace, Running An Effective Chapter, and A Guide to Florida's Native Animals. These will be taught by only the most experienced people, some Arrowmen, and some not. Lunch will be served during the middle sessions. Lunch will be located in the middle of the parade field. All Arrowmen are encouraged to take their lunch to their seminars, so they can maximize learning time.

Big Event

If you feel like getting messy, come out to the parade field Saturday afternoon, from 2:00-2:45pm. Everyone should be there. Get ready to have the most fun that you've EVER had. Wear clothes that can get dirty and messy, because there is a little chance that that might happen.

Hunt for the Arrow

Keep reading The Gator Gazette to find the Hidden Arrow and win a fabulous prize. The second clue is:

*Along the path you will see,
Many people walk below me.*

The Quest for the Golden Arrow

The Quest for the Golden Arrow, a traditional conference competition, will take place between 8:30am and 11:00am this morning. The Quest for the Golden Arrow is a combination of eight off-the-wall events. Among these are Sand Ski Race, Smoothie Delight, Nerdling, Gatorwalk, and Mortar Madness. At the end of the eight events, one lodge will be declared the winner. The scoring will be based on a point system. The first place lodge will receive one point, the second will receive two, and so on. At the end, each lodge will have between 8 and 56 points. The lodge with the least number of points will be declared the winner.

Friday Night Show

The Friday night show was a huge success. Everyone contributed all of their scout spirit into one of the greatest shows our section has ever seen. The pre-show was an amazing sight. Over 900 Arrowmen attended the pre-show which included prizes, beach balls, and lots of fun. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge hopes that you have enjoyed the entertainment we have provided for you this weekend. A lot of man hours went into making the Section Conference Entertainment of 2004 a success.

Last Man Standing

This new advisor only competition involves one adult advisor from each lodge. It will be a test of physical and mental fortitude pitting advisor against advisor in a battle of wills as they must stand on a small platform without stepping off. As the name suggest, the last man standing is the winner of this competition.

The Publications Committee interviewed Seth Mollitt, who is the Section S-4S Chief. Here are some of the questions and answers.



How long have you been involved scouting? I have been involved since tiger cubs, about 12 years.

Do you have a favorite camping memory? Watching the sunrise on baldy with my trail crew was very cool.

As a Boy Scout, which Troop were you part of? I started with Pack 35 and moved on to Troop 35 in Jacksonville, Florida.

If you were to add one more point to the scout law, what would it be? A Scout is Just.

What schools have you attended? Beauclerc Elementary (Kindergarten & 1st), San Jose Catholic (2nd - 8th) Samuel W. Wolfson High School.

Do you have any role models? My brother Todd inspired me to get my Eagle.

What has the Order of the Arrow done for you? It has given me countless friends, great leadership experience, and tons of funny stories.

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Schedule

SATURDAY

- 6:30am—5K Brotherhood Run
- 7:00-8:30am—Breakfast
- 7:30-8:00am—Jewish Service
- 8:00-8:30am—Lodge Flap Flip Competition
- 8:15am—Last Man Standing Advisor
Competition Begins
- 9:00am—King's Cup Display setup begins
- 9:00-11:00am—Group Dance Competition
- 8:30-11:00am—Quest for the Golden Arrow
- 11:00-3:30pm—King's Cup Viewing/Judging
- 11:00-2:00pm—Training Seminars
- 11:30-1:00pm—Lunch
- 2:00pm—Best All Around Lodge Competition
- 2:00-2:45pm—Big Event
- 2:45-3:45pm—Craft Competition
- 2:45pm—Tug-o-War Competition
- 2:45-5:30pm—Rock Climbing Competition
- 3:00-5:00pm—Volleyball Competition
- 3:00-4:30pm—Singing Competition
- 3:00pm—The Gauntlet
- 3:30-5:30pm—Basketball Competition
- 3:30pm—Corn Cob Bash
- 4:00pm—Adult Sink-A-Thon
- 4:30-5:00pm—Skilled Solo Competition
- 4:30-5:30pm—Lodge Chief Sumo Competition
- 5:30-7:00pm—Dinner



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THE BIG EVENT!!!



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All Arrowmen were thoroughly soaked at the Big Event this afternoon. Armed with nothing other than bottles of shaving cream and water balloons, the scouts engaged in a gigantic

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Menu

Saturday Dinner

Texas Barbeque Beef Stew, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Garden Salad with dressing, Soft Breadsticks, Sweet Iced Tea, Bug Juice, Coffee

Saturday Cracker Barrel

Make your own S'Mores and Banana Split Bash

Sunday Breakfast

Cereal, Breakfast Baked Goods, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk, Coffee

Sunday Travel Lunch

(If ordered in advance)
Sub, Chips, Fruit, Drink

Religious Services

A non-denominational religious service will take place from 8:30 to 9:00 am on Sunday morning in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Big Event

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battle. Periodically throughout the event, fire trucks from the Martin County Fire Department hosed down the scouts with over 2,000 gallons of water. An Arrowman from the host lodge was heard saying, "This is the coolest event of the weekend. The shaving cream even tasted good!" Some scouts were even knocked over by the awesome force of the water cannons. The parade field will now be know as the parade swamp. We'll have to get a drainage crew in there.

Lodge Flap Flip

Congratulations to Timuquan Lodge, the winning lodge of the Lodge Flap Flip.



Lodge Flap Timuquan Lodge 340

Training Seminars

The Seminars were great. One Arrowman stated, "My favorite seminar was the Native American Beading Seminar because I learned some of the ways that the Indians used to make their crafts." Many Arrowmen were at all of the seminars learning how to improve their lodge, their chapter, and themselves. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to teach these skills.



Saturday Night Show

Make sure that you find your way to the Saturday Night Pre-Show. This is from 9:00-9:30am. This is guaranteed to be awesome. Then, make sure that you stay for the Saturday Night Show, which starts at 9:30pm and goes to approximately 10:30pm. The title of the show is "OA Trix." With a theme that has not been done in a while, this will be a great and hilarious show.

Hunt for the Arrow

Congratulations to Brett Ledin of Seminole Lodge for finding the Hidden Red Arrow! He has won a fabulous prize! For those of us who haven't yet learned of the arrow's location, the arrow was hidden in the rafters on the roof of the southern bridge over the pond west of the dining fly.

CLUES:

My hiding place might seem a bit extreme, but future clues will explain what I mean.

Wood roof above, and rails to the side, to find me you might have to look high to one side.

Along the path you will see, many people walk below me.

Spanning the distance of a stream, would be quite easy if you shot me.

From camp sites to pool, boys have lots of fun, the real search has only begun.

Stand in the middle, and you will hear all the dribble.

Now walk the planks, 1, 2, 3, look to the north and you will see.

This is your last clue, you'll see what I mean, I lay above a bubbling stream.



The Quest for the Golden Arrow

The Quest For The Golden Arrow was a hit. The winning lodge (the lodge with the most points) was O-Shot-Caw with 47 points. Glenn Parker, a member of Timuquan Lodge, enjoyed a nice egg, sardine, cottage cheese smoothie. He commented that he "liked the Quest events pretty good." The standings were as follows:

- 1st —O-Shot-Caw—47 points
- 2nd—Osceola—41 points
- 3rd—Tipisa—37 points
- 4th—Echokotee—32 points
- 5th—Timuquan—29 points
- 6th—Seminole—26 points

Steve Steinmetz

The Publications Committee interviewed Steve Steinmetz, who is the Tanah Keeta Camp Ranger. Here are some of the questions and answers.



How long have you been involved scouting? As a youth for 6 years and as an adult for over 17 years.

Did you achieve the Rank of Eagle? Regrettably, no.

Do you have a favorite Tanah Keeta memory? There have been so many, it is hard to choose, but one memorable recent event was seeing the expressions on the faces of the Scouts as they experienced the Air Conditioning in the Dining Hall for the first time.

Has Scouting made you successful? It sure has, and I get to see many of Scouting's successes through the years when I meet adults who used to be my Scouts.

If you were to add one more point to the scout law, what would it be? A Scout is Sincere. A handshake and word should be a great contract.

What advice do you have for today's Scouts? Stay involved, don't be selfish, give service until it hurts.

Prize Patrol

Keep an eye out for the Prize Patrol. These wandering Arrowmen are willing to give out prizes and candy to anybody.

Schedule

SATURDAY

- 5:30-7:00pm—Dinner
- 7:00pm—Vigil Honor Ceremony Competition
- 7:00-9:00—Clothing Competition and Festival of Feathers
- 9:00-9:30pm—Pre-Show
- 9:30-10:30pm—Show
- 10:30pm—Council of Chiefs and Section Busk begin including OA Weakest Link
- 11:00pm—Dive in Movie Begins

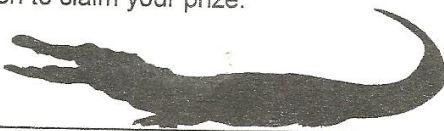
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- 7:00am—Vigil Breakfast
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- 8:30-9:00am—Religious Services
- 9:00am—Section Business Meeting

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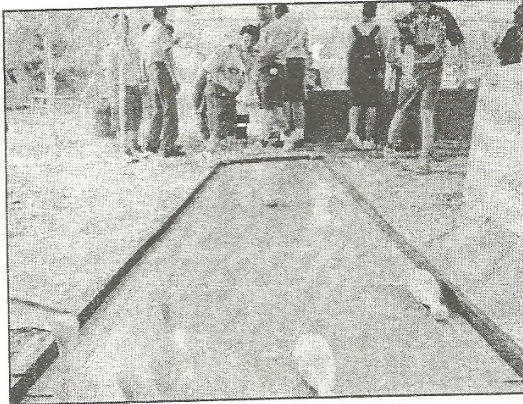
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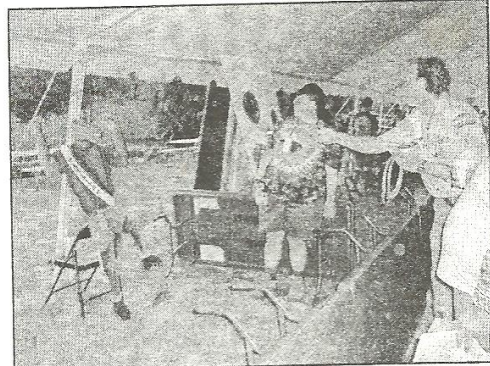
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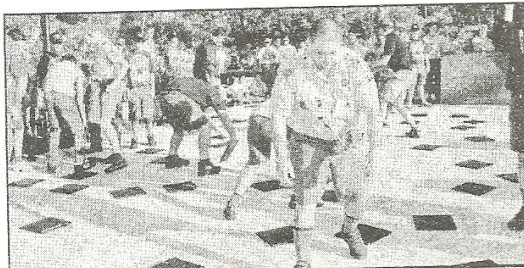
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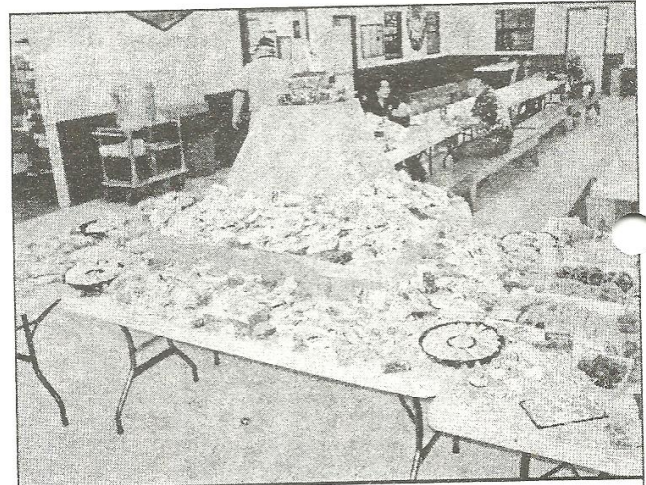
An Arrowman bowling at the S-4S Carnival



Ring-The-Gator



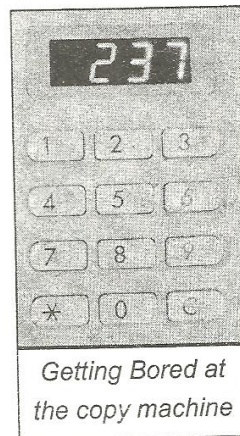
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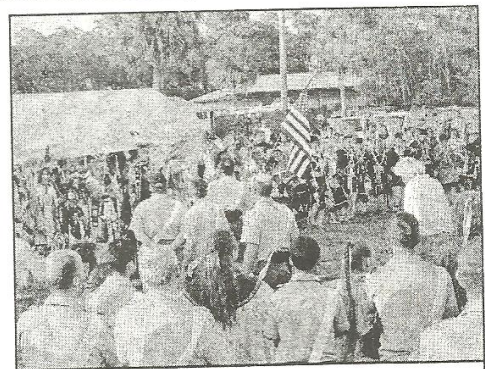
The Mountain of "All-Time Favorite Snack Foods"



Derek and Josh



Getting Bored at the copy machine



A Veteran Drum Song

Competitions

The competitions were amazing on Saturday. The lodges participated in several competitions and activities, and they gave one hundred percent scout spirit. The events tested the scouts' patience and teamwork skills while providing fun and entertainment to all of the participants. The winners for the competitions are as followed:

- 5K Brotherhood Run.....O-Shot-Caw
- Lodge Flap Flip.....Timuquan
- Last Man Standing.....Seminole
- Tug O' War.....O-Shot-Caw
- Rock Climbing.....Osceola
- Volleyball.....Tipisa
- Gauntlet.....Seminole

Indian Events

Many great performances were made at the Arbor Saturday. Scouts from many of the lodges competed against each other in the group dancing and drumming competitions. The dancers put on a great performance in their native American dance ceremonial attire. The drummers kept the crowd excited with their wonderful drumming and chants. The results of the following competitions are as followed:

Group Dancing

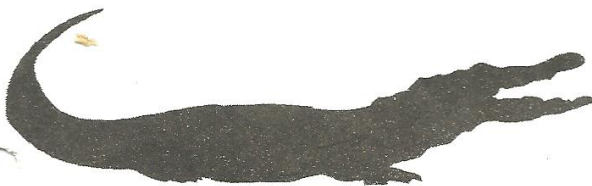
1st Place—Osceola

Drumming Competition

1st Place—O-Shot-Caw

2nd Place—Seminole

3rd Place—Aal-Pa-Tah



Seth Dearmin

If you could add one point to the scout law, what would it be? I would probably add three: hungry, tired, and broke.

What schools have you attended? Pinnacle Elementary School, Chestnut Grove Junior High School, Pilot Mountain Middle School, East Sunny High School, and currently The University of North Carolina.

What has the OA done for you? The Order has given me countless opportunities and experiences. I've enjoyed traveling, camping, growth, and meaningful relationships as a result of this organization.

What troop are you with? My home troop is Troop 400 in Pinnacle, NC. I am also registered with Troop 39 in Chapel Hill, NC.

Have you achieved the Eagle rank? I did obtain my Eagle. I vividly remember wrapping up my project hours before my 18th birthday.

Do you have a favorite camping memory? The final night in camp as part of OA Trail Crew at Philmont is my greatest memory. I was fortunate to be part of an amazing OATC group that left me with some awesome recollections.





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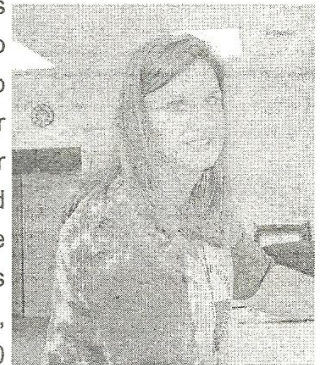
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