



# The Sounds of Section S-4S



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## 2004 Section S-4S Seminars

Are you looking for some coaching to help you with your ceremonial skills, some exposure to Leave No Trace camping principles, or maybe some ideas on how to run an effective chapter or be a better chapter adviser? Would you like to learn to build an old style dance bustle by actually making one, to learn to drum, sing or dance, or to find out how to do beadwork and other American Indian crafts? Perhaps you are new to the Order and would simply like the opportunity to learn more about our program? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, or you would like to take advantage of excellent training in nearly forty different topic areas, then you should make plans to attend the 2004 Section S-4S Seminars.

The Section Seminars are perhaps the best Order of the Arrow training available to all Arrowmen outside of a National Conference. This year's seminars will be held on the weekend of November 5-7, 2004, at Camp Flying Eagle in Bradenton, Florida. The section officers and Osceola Lodge are preparing for the most comprehensive slate of training opportunities to be offered by the section in many years. A list of seminar topics appears to the right, and we have some of the top OA trainers in the nation lined up to conduct the training. We have plenty of fun and fellowship planned, as well!

In order to attend the Section Seminars, you must register with your lodge by mid-October (check with your lodge chief for your lodge's exact registration deadline). The price of the weekend is \$16.00, or \$21.00 if you miss the registration deadline. There will be something for everyone at the Section Seminars this year, so make plans now to attend, and encourage other Arrowmen in your lodge to come with you and to expand their knowledge of our Order.

## Patch Auction at Seminars

By Stefan Hester

On Saturday night of the 2004 Section Seminars, Section S-4S will hold another very exciting patch auction. There will be patches and many other unique items of memorabilia from all over the section put on the auction block. You may find that patch you forgot to buy but always wanted, or a rare gem to start your collection. The patch auction is something you should definitely be looking forward to and the proceeds will go to a very good cause.

### 2004 Section S-4S Seminars Training Seminars (Tentative)

#### General Interest

OA and Summer Camp  
Website Training  
OA Scoutreach Mentoring  
Fundraising  
Youth Protection  
Leave No Trace Camping  
Chapter Adviser Training  
Running an Effective Chapter  
Lodge Historical Display  
History of OA Founders  
Youth Lodge Administration  
Youth Lodge Program  
Adult Lodge Administration  
Adult Lodge Program  
1st Year Arrowmen - Youth  
1st Year Arrowmen - Adult  
Leadership in Service  
Brotherhood Conversion

#### American Indian Activities

Northern Traditional Dance  
Strait Dance

Fancy Dance  
Women's Traditional Dance  
Grass Dance  
Drum Building  
Old Style Bustle (all day)  
Loom Beading  
Appliqué beading  
Ribbonwork (appliqué)  
Fingerweaving  
Seminoles Cooking  
Northern Singing  
Southern Singing

#### Inductions & Ceremonies

Unit Elections/Callout  
Elangomat Training  
Nimat Training  
Pre-Ordeal/Ordeal Ceremony  
Brotherhood Ceremony  
Vigil Ceremony  
Adviser Training  
Evaluator Training

Note: The above lists are tentative, and additional topics may be added. Updates to these lists will be provided in the next few weeks via email and on the Section website.

### What's Inside . . .

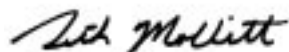
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## 2 Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

The joys of summer free time are over, and it is time to get back to work. Over the course of the next four months, many of you are going to be overwhelmed with activities and obligations. Between school, football, friends, family, church and Scouts, you all will be stretched thin. Within just the next two months, I am that sure most of you will have a lodge and a section event on your calendar. As things pile up, it is easy to begin looking at such activities as just more obligations and to lose sight of their true meaning; it is easy to become immersed in the stress of everyday life and forget our higher purpose. Don't be afraid to take a step back from it all. When did Scouting become a chore? When did lodge weekends stop being fun and start being work? Scouting should be a break from the stress of the real world, not an addition to it. While I know we all have responsibilities and "work" that we have to do, we should be doing it because we love it, not because we have to. Have fun! The Order of the Arrow should not be just another commitment, and if it is, then it is time to remind yourself why you are involved. With so much to do it becomes easy to skip lodge weekends and section events because they don't really matter anyway, right? Wrong! These events can provide you with that break. Lodge events provide you with an opportunity, if just for forty-eight hours, to forget about work or school and just enjoy the moment. Lodge and section events are a chance for you to experience the joy of fellowship with your brothers. I challenge each of you to make the effort. Don't ignore lodge and section weekends. Take the time to take a break.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Seth Mollitt  
2004-2005 S-4S Section Chief



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## 2004 NOAC In Review

By David Summerlot

Without a doubt, this summer's National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), held on the campus of University of Iowa, was one of the best ever. Over 7,000 Arrowmen representing Lodges from all over the country came together in the city of Ames, Iowa, to celebrate the theme, "Chosen to Serve, Inspired to Lead."

As usual, the shows were awesome. After the theme show on Wednesday, a rededication ceremony was held to remind NOAC participants why we are in the Order. As participants left the coliseum, each Arrowman was given a candle, which was then lit from the candles of others, symbolizing sharing the spirit of brotherhood across the Order. After the participants lit their candles, they gathered at one end of the courtyard. In front of them, on four tall columns, stood four costumed Arrowmen, representing the four principals in our ceremonies. Each gave short reflection on one of the principles of our Order. The ceremony concluded with all Arrow-

men present joining hands and singing the song of our Order.

Section S-4S is proud to boast over 250 conference attendees from the section and an impressive 74 members serving on staff. Also notable, of the 42 Distinguished Service Award Recipients, seven of the honorees are from Section S-4S. The section honorees were Courtney Allen of Echockotee, Paul Anderson of O-Shot-Caw, Nick Digirolamo of Seminole, Chris Crowley of Tipisa, John Hobbs of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge (in South Carolina), Stan Hoff of O-Shot-Caw, and Tico Perez of Tipisa. The section also recognized them at the Monday night Section Gathering, which also featured ice cream and dodge ball.

In all, the week was fantastic, and Arrowmen from around the nation took home memories of a lifetime. The next NOAC is scheduled for 2006 at the campus of Michigan State University.



Top: Section Founder's Day float.  
Above: Distinguished Service Award recipients from S-4S at the Section Gathering. Below: Section members socialize at the Section Gathering.



# OA Ocean Adventure (OAOA) Program



By Nick Digirolamo

The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering Arrowmen the opportunity to serve cheerfully the greatest ecosystem on our planet—the ocean. Under the direction of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), experienced Florida Sea Base staff with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two-week scuba diving adventure in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys.

The OA Ocean Adventure, or OAOA, is a 13-day experience in which participants, aged 16-20, will have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world. One-half of the Ocean Adventure program will be PADI scuba training and certification, which will be conducted at the Florida Sea Base. The remaining portion of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean, marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

The service will consist of a variety of projects determined by the National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA, some of which will be underwater reef conservation and marine life surveying. In addition to scuba certification and undersea



service, participants will strengthen their leadership skills, learn more about marine environments, strengthen their understanding of the Order of the Arrow, and explore the history of the beautiful Florida Keys.

Participant cost is \$250 for the 13-day experience. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with the application, and the balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. This fee covers PADI scuba certification, food, housing and all other program-related expenses. Additional ex-

penses, including travel to and from the Florida Sea Base and miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant. Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposits returned.

Make plans now to be a part of the Order's newest service adventure, OA Ocean Adventure, in the summer of 2005. Get more information and an application on-line at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org).

## Ceremonies Training DVD Available

A great new training aid for your lodge and chapter ceremonial teams is now available. Just released at NOAC 2004, this DVD set features the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremonies. Each ceremony also includes an extensive evaluation, a team interview, and an animation of the movement diagrams from the ceremony pamphlets. The best part is that the DVDs feature Arrowmen almost exclusively from S-4S! There is an introduction from our very own section chief, Seth Mollitt. The

ceremonies teams come from Tipisa and Seminole Lodges. The evaluators come from Aal-Pa-Tah, Osceola, Seminole, Tipisa, and Timuquan Lodges. You can even catch former national chief and Seminole Lodge member Nick Digirolamo interviewing the Ordeal team in somebody else's uniform, wearing a Brotherhood sash.

Be sure to watch the pronunciation guide at the end of the second DVD for a bonus Indian word. The section chief will personally autograph

your sash if you can figure out which one it is.

You can help improve inductions in your lodge by purchasing this DVD set for the low price of just \$25.00. As a bonus, you will also get a Train the Trainer DVD, for a total of three DVDs for this one low price. Act now by logging into <http://tradingpost.oa-bsa.org> and looking under "Books" for this unbelievable offer. Supplies are limited, so order now.



# 4 OA Wilderness Voyage

By Casey Nesselhauf

When the last school bell rang in May and summer vacation began, most people were looking forward to endless shopping trips to the mall, long days at the beach, or just hibernating for a few months. That can be fun for a while, but how many times can you really listen to your friends ask, “How do I look in this?” Why not do something over summer vacation? Why not put to use all those outdoor skills you’ve spent years learning in Scouting? You can sleep away your time or you can do something that will change your life and that you will remember forever.

This summer I had such an opportunity. I thought it was just a cheap way to get out of the house for two weeks and canoe through the Canadian Boundary Waters, but the OA Wilderness Voyage turned out to be so much more. A group of people came to Northern Tier with nothing in common besides being Arrowmen, and because of our shared experiences, left closer than friends of ten years.

Our bonds were forged from the work we did rebuilding portage trails in the canoe area. Our task was to rebuild the side of a hill that had eroded away to the point that it was unsafe for portagers. We also raised the trail about eight inches to get it out of the mud and water. No one seemed to mind the work because we were doing it together, learning about each other, telling jokes, and enjoying the beautiful northern woods.

The last day of the workweek was sobering. Reflecting back at all the work we had done and how much we had grown personally and as a group, Crew 617B was actually sad to be leaving the site where we had toiled together and overcome the elements to create a trail that others were going to be enjoying for decades to come. However, we would soon discover that a whole new adventure was waiting.



We had set the lofty goal of reaching the Height of Land. It would be a round trip of over 120 miles in six days to the highest elevation in the Boundary Waters. Our trek tested each of us physically as well as mentally. We saw such amazing sights as a moose and her child, beavers and their dams, four-foot waves, and the most magnificent sunrises. As the trek week progressed, our skills improved as portaging a canoe turned into fun and a windy lake wasn’t so intimidating. The challenges of Northern Tier became accomplishments, and we learned that nothing was impossible if we worked for the common good.

OA Wilderness Voyage will challenge you and push your personal limits. Two weeks on the water will force you to look deep inside yourself and reflect on your Scouting experiences as well as the rest of your life. Friendships will be formed and challenges conquered.



You will take pride in the completion of a conservation project that thousands will enjoy for years to come and will leave with the knowledge that you have the strength to overcome any obstacle.

For more information about Wilderness Voyage, visit <http://www.oe-bsa.org>. Also, speak with your Lodge Chief about scholarship opportunities to attend Wilderness Voyage.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that Jack Champion from Tallahassee, Florida, and member of Semialachee 239 was the first Arrowman from Florida to receive the Distinguished Service Award, at the 1956 National Order of the Arrow Conference?



# OA Trail Crew Experience

By Sean Royston

What started as the “National Order of the Arrow Conservation Service Project” in 1995 has grown up, and now, ten years later, the Order of the Arrow still provides this outstanding service to Philmont and all Scouts and Scouters that are able to attend. The OA Trail Crew (OATC) program is not just a service project that we as Arrowmen provide, it is also an opportunity for youth over the age of sixteen to have the time of their lives.

The OATC program is two weeks long, which includes one week of trail building and one week of a Philmont trek of your crew’s design. During your entire stay at Philmont, you will have an OATC foreman. Your foreman is your friend, and he is your guide. The trail that is being worked, and will be worked on for the next few years, is the Copper Park trail. It is a trail that starts at Copper Park and ends at Greenwood Canyon. It is some of the most difficult terrain in all of Philmont. Most of the individuals who go through OATC find that the work week is not just forced manual labor, but instead is a time of fellowship with up to 20 brand new best friends. It’s a time of being truly fulfilled by the service you are doing for Philmont but also to yourself. For many, the work week can be the most fun they will ever have at Philmont. It is, however, the trek week where you can really enjoy yourself.

Because of OATC’s stellar reputation, the staff members at the back country camps really treat anyone associated with OATC like kings. You also get to see Philmont like no one else can. The OATC program is one of few programs that have the opportunity to climb the tallest mountain in the greater Philmont area. Little Castilla, which rises barely over Baldy, lies in the area known as the Valle Vidal, and other than staff and Rayado, OATC is the only program that has the opportunity to summit this formidable peak.

On paper, the Order of the Arrow program only lasts two weeks, but at the risk of sounding corny, it is an experience that will last your entire life: the friends you make...the great times you have...the opportunities the program will afford you...and most importantly, the sense of accomplishment you will take home with you.



# Around the Section



## Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge\*



## Echockotee Lodge

Brothers,

Echockotee is in the midst of finishing the planning for the LLD 2004 (Lodge Leadership Development). Also, we have just completed our committee assignments, and are planning on having those new chairmen attend our LLD. The Fiesta is coming soon, I hope that all chapters are prepared to have a great time and show Great Spirit. I would like to thank all the Echockotee members who represented us at NOAC and won us the Kick-ball tournament. This will be a strong year for Echockotee Lodge, and we hope to see you at the Fall Fellowship, be ready to have a great time.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
James Poindexter  
Echockotee Lodge Chief



## Osceola Lodge

Dear Brothers:

The idea of irksome tasks, and weighty responsibilities is nothing new to us as Arrowman. On Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, a new burden was put forth on the shoulders of my lodge, and *our* Section. I would like to first send out sympathy to any lodges that lost brothers. Fortunately, I know that we as a section are firm bound in



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brotherhood, and are willing to aid our statewide community, as well as our brothers. I feel that with every challenge, struggle, or burden there will be triumph. I hope that the upcoming Section Seminars will help every lodge grow and become stronger, more united, and more dedicated to our principles.

Since August 14, Osceola Lodge has demonstrated our sense of urgency by contributing over 500 hours of service to our two beautiful camps, and countless more hours to the entire South West Florida community. From cleaning up yards for the elderly to distributing ice, water and food, or offering as little as a smile, Osceola Lodge has not waited for a call; rather we made the call to our Scouting families to reach out and help our community.

As each day passes our lodge is steadily planning and organizing the support for a great Section Seminars for 2004. We have been working with Section Leadership and will be using all of the assets of our lodge to do what Arrowmen do best: Serve. We plan on serving you in the best way possible as the Host Lodge. This year's Section Seminars is truly brimming with everything an arrowman would expect: fellowship, training, food, campfires, Pow-Wows, presentations, and the beautiful scenery of the oldest and most historical Boy Scout Camp in all of Florida. I would encourage each lodge to bring as many Brothers as they can. I know first hand that the leadership of our Section is devoting numerous of hours to ensure that every Arrowman walks away from this year's seminars with knowledge to better serve their lodge. So set your compass for Bradenton Florida, and "Be Prepared" for a superb Section Seminars.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Evan Waldt  
Osceola 564 Chief



## O-Shot-Caw Lodge

Brothers,

It was great to see our lodges in full force at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, in turn making S-4S the strongest and perhaps the largest section in attendance. Having the opportunity to attend other section gatherings, I can confidently say, without a doubt, that ours was the greatest. I would also like to congratulate all of our

brothers in the section who were honored with the DSA, including our very own, Paul Anderson and Stan Hoff.

Meanwhile, O-Shot-Caw will host its first event, the Fall Ordeal, on October 8-10 at Camp Seminole. Planning has been well underway, the event seems promising, and we plan to induct a lot of new brothers into our great Order.

One of our lodge programs, the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund (JAACF), aids in sending our Scouts to Scout camp. The Haunted Forest, a one night fundraiser, was established as a way to raise money for the JAACF. Last year, the Haunted Forest managed to raise over \$15,000, which allowed hundreds of young men to attend scout camp. The Haunted Forest can be described just by the way that it is written. At Camp Seminole, each chapter sets up a scary display through a forest trail. There, Cub Scouts, friends, family, and other Boy Scouts walk the trail and are scared literally "out of their minds". I guess you could call it a haunted mansion in the forest. We raise money through concessions, games, and Haunted Forest admission. This year, the event will be held on October 30, at Camp Seminole. O-Shot-Caw invites all of S-4S to come out to the Forest for a night of fun, friends, fellowship, and of course fright.

Furthermore, O-Shot-Caw looks forward to and is excited about the upcoming seminars hosted by the Osceola Lodge. O-Shot-Caw is also energetic about serving you as the host of the 2004 Section Conference. We are prepared, so get ready for an awesome conference!

Bound in Brotherhood,  
Brian Polino  
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief



## Semialachee Lodge

Brothers,

After a packed summer of call-outs and NOAC, Semialachee is getting fired up for our biggest Ordeal ever. With over 80 expected candidates, lodge members are working hard to ensure that our 2004 Ordeal is successful, as well as meaningful to our future brothers. We are also excited about the many service projects that will get completed at our Council camp, Wallwood.

Our 26 contingent members gathered a lot of information from NOAC, and a newfound sense of direction and pride in our organization is felt by all. One huge area we will be concentrating on is the revamped LLD course,

which we will implement in our lodge starting with a conference on October 8-9 of this year.

We are already looking forward to the Section Seminars for 2004 by ensuring that all members are encouraged to attend. We definitely want to put last year's contingent number to shame.

Semialachee is looking forward to this year of cheerful service as we gather as a brotherhood at our local, section, and national events. See you at the Section Seminars!

Yours in Service,  
Daniel A McMillan  
Semialachee Lodge Chief



## Seminole Lodge

Brothers,

Seminole Lodge is again active after a great NOAC. Seminole took 25 participants and had 5 members on staff. We also had all three of our ceremonies teams take home honor medals, including the Vigil ceremony. We also had the honor of seeing past National Chief Nick Digirolamo being presented with a Distinguished Service Award. Nick is Seminole Lodge's first recipient of this achievement.

Of course as we have all seen the aftermath of Hurricane Charley. One of the areas hit hardest was Polk County. Polk County lies within the borders of Seminole Lodge and unfortunately our camp, Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation, in Lake Wales suffered damages to many facilities. The damage includes a destruction of a campsite pavilion and damage to others. One of the staff housing portables was ruined when its roof gave way and the rain flooded the inside. Fortunately, the major buildings on camp were not damaged severely and will not require major repairs. Repairs will include a massive clean up of trees that were knocked down while blocking most of the pathways on camp leaving some areas inaccessible, which includes the entrance to camp. We have planned along side with the council to work weekends to clean up our camp.

All the bad news aside, Seminole Lodge will be moving forward by putting on a great Fall Conclave at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. The Fall Conclave is Seminole Lodge's first event of the year and we look to start it off with a blast. The event will be filled with great service, fellowship, and of course great seminars and games. We will also be bringing a great group to the Section Seminars in November and we will be out there in force.

Yours In Service,  
Thomas J. Guglielmi  
Seminole Lodge Chief  
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## Timuquan Lodge\*



## Tipisa Lodge

My Brothers,

Tipisa has hit the ground running this year. Our new officers for the 2004-2005 year have been sworn in and have hit the ground running. I hope that everyone survived Hurricane Charley. The "I-4 Storm" hit the Central Florida area fairly hard. As a result we were forced to cancel our annual LLDP and Banquet that was scheduled for the Saturday after the storm. We decided a banquet with no power would not be much fun. However, we have adjusted to allow the addition of the our LLDP training to our Fall Fellowship on September 10-12, at Camp La-No-Che. Also, we will be holding our Banquet as a separate event later in the year.

Tipisa had a great time at NOAC 2004. This conference was well-planned and executed, and all that attended are already asking about NOAC 2006. Tipisa was well represented at NOAC with 17 youth and adult members attending as participants and over 20 members on staff for various events and administrative roles. With our infamous thunder stix's Tipisa enjoyed the amazing shows and numerous evening activities.

As for the upcoming section events, Tipisa is eagerly waiting their arrival. With the Seminars being hosted by Osceola Lodge and the Conference hosted by O-Shot-Caw Lodge, these events are bound to be top quality with great training, and as always, great brotherhood. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there, and until then I hope everything goes well.

Yours in Service,  
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# Calendar of Events



## 2004

### November

5-7 2004 Section S-4S Seminars and Council of Chiefs  
Camp Flying Eagle, Bradenton, Florida

## 2005

### April

8-10 2005 Section S-4S Conference  
Camp Seminole, Davie, Florida

### October

TBD National Leadership Seminars and National Lodge Adviser  
Training Seminar, Camp Weed, Live Oak Florida

### November

11-13 2005 Section S-4S Seminars and Council of Chiefs, Sand Hill  
Scout Reservation, Brooksville, Florida

## Section S-4S Website

<http://www.sections4s.org>

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