

The Arrow

Southern Region 4 North



Chiefly Speaking...

Welcome one, welcome all! If you are holding this newsletter in your hand, you are quite possibly one of the happiest people on earth right now. For it is now, that you are at the 2008 SR-4N Conclave at Camp Patten! If you cannot already tell, I am excited to be here. I know that this event will be a fun filled weekend of food, shows, training, and quest events. I look forward to hanging out with old friends and making new ones. So please, take time to introduce yourself to new brothers and most importantly: learn something new while having fun! I LOVE CONCLAVE!!!

Mark Nowicki
SR-4N Chief

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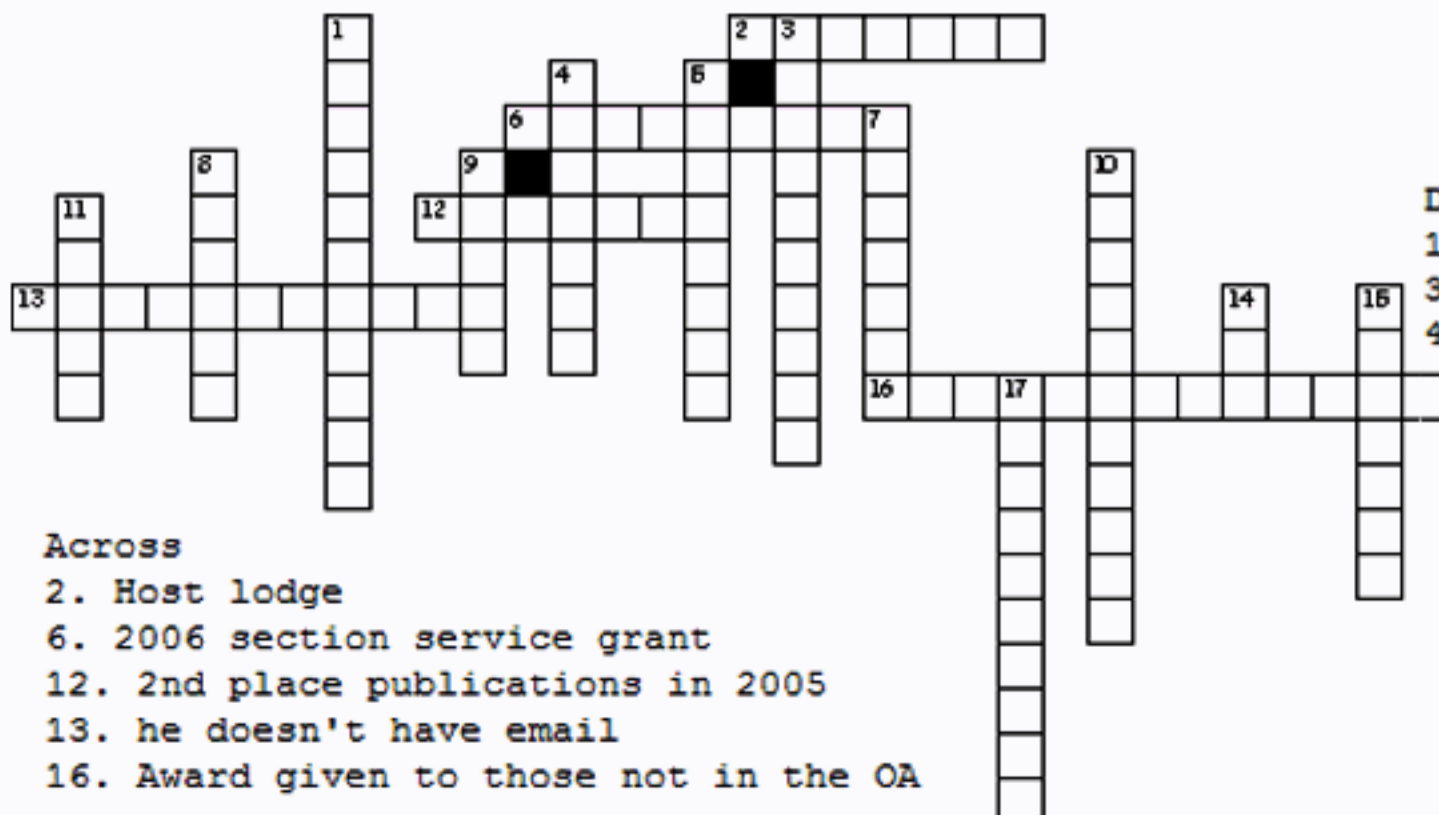
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Welcome to Camp Patten

I am pleased to welcome you all to Camp Patten. It is a small camp with lots of great possibilities. It is the goal of Alapaha Lodge to rekindle to fire of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service that this great order was founded upon. Because of this mission, this conclave's theme is "Rekindle the Fire".

I do hope you all will enjoy this weekend. I know I will because conclave is one of the funnest events I have ever had the pleasure of attending. I again want to thank you for coming to our camp. I know it was a long trip, but I am am certain it will all be worth it when you see how fun this event is going to be.

Drew Kuhlmann
Alapaha Lodge Chief



OA Crossword Puzzle

The first Arrowman to submit the solution to Trey will receive prize!



Down

1. National Chief
3. National _____ Seminar
4. North Cup points deducted if over 10x10
5. SR4N newsletter name
7. One day of service month
8. Council of _____
9. Ultimate, tug of war, volleyball
10. 2001 Section Secretary
11. "We who strive in cheerful service"
14. sterling silver arrowhead
15. It's what we do!
17. Summer 2008

Across

2. Host lodge
6. 2006 section service grant
12. 2nd place publications in 2005
13. he doesn't have email
16. Award given to those not in the OA

Tomorrow's Weather Forecast

Day	Night
 Isolated T-Storms High 83°F Precip 30%	 Mostly Clear Overnight Low 59°F Precip 20%
Wind: SSW 6 mph Max. Humidity: 64% UV Index: 10 Very High	Wind: SW 1 mph Max. Humidity: 77%
Sunrise: 7:00 AM ET Avg. High: 79°F Record High: 89°F (1994)	Sunset: 8:04 PM ET Avg. Low: 51°F Record Low: 32°F (1997)

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New Officer Elections

Nominations will be taken at Saturday breakfast and also at the business meeting on Saturday evening.

Those persons who get nominated at Saturday breakfast will have the advantage of placing a biography in the noon edition of *The Arrow!*

If you have any questions please talk to Mark, and if he doesn't know the answer, then he will make one up for you, and get back to you later with the right one.

It's Finally Here!

Hey guys, I've been looking forward to seeing everyone at conclave 2008 for a long time!! I hope everyone else is as excited as I am and have come prepared for all the events. Woa Cholena has been working in and practicing in the various competitions that will occur throughout this weekend. We will be one of the top contenders for the Best All Around Lodge Award this year. With 66 of our lodge members here at Camp Patten, we plan on helping make this conclave one of the best SR-4N has ever seen. Since this is the last conclave of our section, lets do just that and go out with a bang. Some of you might see me around, because I

My First Conclave

After recently going through an exciting but vigorous ordeal to become a new member of the Order of the Arrow, I am excited to be going to my first OA event as an ordeal member. I'm also a little nervous because it will also be my first scouting activity outside of Florida. I am enthusiastic about going but also a bit curious as to just what conclave will be like. I'm sure it will be great and I'm looking forward to new activities, adventures, and especially to meeting new scouts. It will be fun to meet other Arrowmen and see how we are different but also alike, to exchange stories and ideas, and just sharing activities and fun. I am looking forward to meeting both new and experienced OA members from different chapters and lodges that can turn into life long friends. It will be great to share tips and ideas on how to be a better scout and to be able to take the information back with me to my chapter and my own troop. I'm a little nervous about conclave being new to me and not knowing exactly what to expect for the first time, but I am confident that I will have a great time and learn a lot and meet many new scouts that I hope will become my good friends. I'm proud that I have been able to become an OA member and will work hard to live up to what an OA member represents. I know that by going to events like Conclave it will help me to do just that. As for me, I'm glad that I am here at conclave!!!

Timothy Seaboch
Ordeal Member
Yustaga Lodge

Color Mark Contest

Pick up an outline of Mark's beautiful face and color it however you want. The Arrowman with the best coloring will receive a prize!

will be serving as a trainer Saturday morning. I am also excited about the new events that have been added this year. One that I am particularly interested is the COC volleyball tournament in which the adults and youth of the COC play each other (and of course the youth are going to teach the adults a thing or two). Also, the totem pole carving is another item of interest. I cannot wait to see what each lodge is going to carve on the totem pole. Once again, I am excited and cannot wait to see how much fun we are all going to have. WOA CHOLENA WOA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

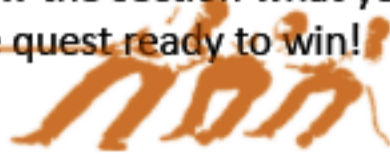
Josh Aikens
Lodge Chief
Woa Cholena Lodge 322



Get Ready for Quest!

This year's quest events are going to be the best! That's right, with events such as *OA Jeopardy*, *Tug of War*, VOLLEYBALL and *ULTIMATE FRISBEE*, you better think twice before missing out. Remember to also come out for the COC volleyball game just before *Tug of War*. Show the section what your lodge is made of and come out to the quest ready to win!

Brian Flatt
Quest Events CVC



Matt Loves Conclave. Do You?

It was a long wait for this conclave, and I speak for my lodge when I say that we are ready to fellowship, be trained, eat great food, have lots of fun and compete against the other lodges. For any new Arrowmen, let me just tell you that the more conclaves you attend, the better each one gets. You meet great people from other lodges, compete against them, YOU TRADE PATCHES and pig out on wonderful food. I really love conclave. You also have the chance to witness the induction of the new section officers. Let me add that once you leave this weekend, you will not forget about the awesome time you had at Camp Patten. I've been ready for conclave... have you?

Matt Chandler
Alibamu Lodge Chief

Like to take pictures?

If you have already begun snapping photos and would like to see them published in the next edition of *The Arrow*, just talk to Trey at breakfast!



Old Friends - New Beginnings

It is not Christmas, back-to-school, or March Madness. But it is something that many of us look forward to each and every year with the same amount of excitement. And now, it is finally that time of year again - Conclave weekend! This weekend promises to be one filled with fun, learning, fellowship, competition, brotherhood, and nostalgia. So, leave your cares behind, don't think about next week's workload or school work, and simply allow yourself to experience and enjoy one of the best annual Scouting events around.

From the registration numbers that have been coming in, I have noticed two things about this year's conclave. First, this will be one of, if not the largest conclaves in our section's history. Secondly, there also appears to be a large number of brand new ordeal members who have never been to any other OA activity other than their own ordeal. I can honestly say that I genuinely envy you. I vividly remember the first conclave that I attended. But when I did, I had already been a member of the Order for about ten months and had attended several lodge functions. But to be able to jump start your OA experience by participating in such an electrifying event just months or even weeks after induction, is absolutely amazing.

Take advantage of this weekend and drink it all in. But more importantly, let it serve as inspiration to you as you take the journey to brotherhood.

As most of you know, this conclave is also bittersweet in that it will be the last that we attend as a section. We will soon go in three different directions, with some lodges maintaining ties in their new sections, and others rejoining old friends from previous section alignments. This will be my twenty-third conclave. There are several of you who may be reading this, whom I have attended conclave with for twenty of those years, and there are even a hand full who have been at all twenty three. We have watched each other as we have literally grown from boys to men, as we have graduated from high school and college, as we embarked on careers and as we married and had children. For many of us, we are indeed family. It has been a privilege for me to develop friendships with people from all walks of life, from three states and from seven different lodges.

I can remember the first meeting of the lodge leadership after the creation of SR-4N. Like a blind date set up for us by our parents, we approached that day with apprehension, curiosity and a certain degree of non-trust. But look at us today. Seven

quality lodges; recognition for both various lodges and individual members at the region and national levels; a one of a kind service grant program; one of the top sections in the nation. We are better lodges for having had this association for the last seven years, and the three new sections will be better for having our respective lodges as members.

I live in Atmore, a small town in southwest Alabama. The slogan that is found on the signs leading into town is "Old Friends - New Beginnings". What an appropriate theme for us to adopt this weekend. Enjoy yourselves, make new friendships and renew old ones, rededicate yourselves to our principles and make this last SR-4N conclave one to remember. To my old friends, and not so old friends, may our paths cross again as we each continue on our individual journeys in search of the arrow.

Wade Hartley
Associate Section Adviser

Good Planning = Huge Turnout

In 2008, Yustaga Lodge moved the date of our ordeal to early spring to try to make a difference in attendance of both candidates and Arrowmen attending. We moved our ordeal from May to March which had some great changes accompany it. The weather was cooler and there were fewer schedule conflicts with the likes of graduation and final exams. Also, this change of schedule provided a shorter time between the ordeal and the next event, so hopefully more Arrowmen will come to those events and stay active.

This Fall, our lodge will host a Council-Wide Camporee. We were slated to host conclave next year, so in preparation, we proposed to the council for us to host this camporee. All of our districts will be coming together for the first time in a long time.

This event will help build bonds between our districts as well as provide service to the council while publicizing the Order of the Arrow to those that are still unsure of what we do and why we exist.

All 100 participants Yustaga brought to the last conclave of SR-4N are very excited and we cannot wait to kick off all of the wonderful events. Have a great weekend everyone!

**WWW,
Bradley Brock
Yustaga Lodge Chief**

Tonight's Schedule



7:00	Supper
7:30	Council of Chiefs
8:30	Assembly
8:45	Show
	After Show Vigil Reception
10:00	Cracker Barrel Patch Trading
10:15	Movies OA Jeopardy
10:30	Meet the Man
10:45	Judges Meeting Trainer Meeting
11:00	Taps

Be ready to wake up bright and early for training!

Tips on how to make the most out of conclave:

- ✓ Attend as many training sessions as possible.
- ✓ Meet as many Arrowmen as you can.
- ✓ Trade a patch with a member of every lodge.
- ✓ Don't spend all day in your tent!
- ✓ Compete in a Quest event & watch a ceremony competition.
- ✓ Cheer on the COC at the COC/adult volleyball game!
- ✓ Thank the host lodge putting on a wonderful conclave!

Are You Mr. Axe?

Conclave is first and foremost a chance to meet new people from all over our section. Take advantage of these short three days to introduce yourself to others. Who knows... you just might make a lifelong friend... and win an axe!