



## Chiefly Speaking...

First off I would like to say thank you to Alibamu, Cowikee, Immokalee, Woa Cholena and Yustaga for sending contingents to the National Conservation and Leadership Summit this past month. Among many other things, lodges were able to

learn about the new strategic plan and learn about all of the details of ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup>. I truly had an awesome time hanging out with the members of the GREAT SR-4N.

On April 19, the section officers and advisers got together at Camp Maubila to do our annual planning meeting. At our meeting we were able to make a plan on how we can better serve our lodges in helping you achieve quality lodge this year. We also came up with some new ideas for this year's conclave.

The Council of Chiefs is on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We will again be holding it in Dothan at the Alabama-Florida Council Service Center. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 AM. Please come prepared with pen and paper as well as any ideas that you have for this year.

We will be voting on the conclave patch design and theme and the Section Service Fund Patch at the September COC. ANYONE in the section is more than welcome to design a patch.

Yours in Service,  
Mark Norris  
SR-4N Chief



## The Power of the Quality Lodge Petition

What does Quality Lodge really mean, and why is this distinction so important? There are many within our organization that believe that it is nothing short of a scorecard whereby all of the lodges within the section/region/nation can compare themselves with one another, while others see it so seldom that it is not even on their radar screen.

The Aims of Scouting show us our primary program objectives, which include character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. The Methods of Scouting tell us how to accomplish these aims and include such items as the patrol method, outdoor programs, and advancement. If we fail to implement any one of these Aims and Methods in our Scouting programs, then we are not implementing the Scouting program as it is intended, even though we may wear the uniform and call ourselves "Boy Scouts."

Similarly, the Purpose, the Strategic Plan, and the Quality Lodge Petition serve as the "Aims and Methods" of the Order of the Arrow, and it is our responsibility as leaders in the OA to insure that we weave these concepts into our annual OA program. If we fail to conduct our lodge programs along these guidelines, then we are not implementing the program of the Order in our councils as it was intended, even though we may wear our sashes and call ourselves "Arrowmen."

The Quality Lodge Petition represents a basic framework of requirements that, if met, helps lodges to implement the basic elements of the Order's program. The requirements for Quality Lodge should be an important part of your annual LLD program, as well as your follow-up training meetings. This distinction is by no means a finish line. However, if properly utilized, this recognition can really help our lodges to identify areas of strength and weakness, to build leaders of character, and help us to better fulfill the mission of the Order in our councils.

I would like to challenge all of you to strive to make your lodge a Quality Lodge. Review these requirements on a regular basis at your Key 3 meetings as well as at your LEC meetings in order to keep them fresh on everyone's mind. By striving to obtain this recognition, the members of your lodge will constantly work to improve the nature of service that you provide to your councils, and more importantly, we as an organization can enjoy greater success in developing leaders of character.

# Smitty's Witty

## Alibamu Lodge Update

Hello to all...I want to take this time to inform everyone in the section about what's going on in our neck of the woods. Alibamu Lodge 179 just wrapped up the last night of OA night at Camp Tukabatchee. From the word on the street the scouts at camp had a great time. This year scouts had the chance to make choker necklaces. There were over one-hundred choker necklaces made at summer camp. Along with chokers, the lodge offered hatchet throwing, sassafras tea, sweat lodge, wischixin, OA trading post, and the opportunity to obtain their Brotherhood. In addition to the above, the Alibamu Lodge dance team was also present and performed several dances. Many scouts watched in awe as the dance team displayed the traditions of our heritage. The team consists of eight brothers, with hand made dance regalia. The lodge is proud of them and hopes they will be dancing at several more functions.



In other news, Alibamu Lodge is well on its way to becoming a National Quality Lodge. With the Brotherhood conversion numbers high and membership retention good, this looks like a good year for Alibamu. The next event on the agenda for the lodge is the summer ordeal. We have several projects planned to improve the camp and several ordeal candidates available excited to attend. The lodge is planning on having a successful ordeal. If anyone from the section would like to attend just let me know.



Joshua Smith  
Alibamu Lodge Chief

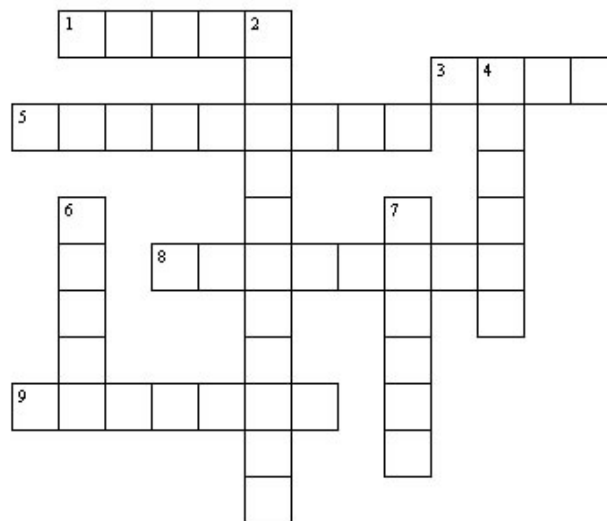
## SR-4N Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1 Arrow \_\_\_\_\_ 5
- 3 Woa Cholena's council number
- 5 "Service"
- 8 Gathering of lodges
- 9 Next NOAC State

### Down

- 2 2003 SR4N Vice Chief
- 4 Yustaga's totem
- 6 OA \_\_\_\_\_ Adventure
- 7 Alapaha's camp



## National Conservation & Leadership Summit

*This past week 28 arrowmen from our section returned home from the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) held on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. While they were there, summit participants split into two groups. The first group referred to as Leadership participants, were introduced to the Order's new 2008-2012 Strategic Plan, "Living the Legacy." Throughout the rest of the summit, leadership participants were given new ideas on how to use this plan to better serve our councils while keeping with the same fundamental principles that have governed our Order for the last 92 years. In addition, many details regarding ArrowCorps5, as well as promotional material, were given out and every lodge in attendance created a 5 year plan for their lodge.*



*While training was the most important aspect of the summit, there were plenty of opportunities to have fun every day. A region dodgeball tournament was held at the IU stadium as well as a giant pool party and various eating contests. Some arrowmen also took the time to trade a few patches, go bowling at the student Union, and enjoy the opportunity to meet other arrowmen from across the Nation. The summit ended with an inspirational closing show and speech from the National Chief Evan Chaffee.*



*Conservation participants were trained to serve as squad leaders in the OA's upcoming project ArrowCorps5, which will take place in the summer of 2008. Several members of our section served on staff teaching leadership training sessions, being part of Chiefs Corps (the service arm of the summit), and our very own Larry Newton, the National Vice Chief of the OA, delivered the opening speech of the summit and challenged everyone to take full advantage of the resources that would be available to them while here at the summit.*

*Without a doubt everyone that attended the summit had a great time and left with a better understanding of how they can continue to strengthen the OA's presence in their council as Scouting enters its second century. If you want to know how you can help, talk to your lodge leaders today.*

*Ryan Braddy  
Yustaga Lodge*



*For more information about the summit, visit [www.live.oa-bsa.org](http://www.live.oa-bsa.org)*

## Summer Draws to a Close



I hope everyone has been having an amazing time since our gathering at the 2007 conclave. It was great seeing each of you there. But now we approach a new era, not only for the section, but the nation. We are ending the summer, which means a summer that can boast that all high adventure programs were full. Everyone should be congratulated for this. Also we begin an era that boasts a new strategic plan and the beginning of ArrowCorps5.

As the fall draws nearer, I want you to remember your duties to the section. This means that each and everyone of you are responsible for next year's conclave. This is not an easy task, seeing that each of us is involved in many other duties, it becomes ever harder.

As a brother of this section, I promise to be ever mindful of my duties and responsibilities to our section. I promise to help in all ways possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Please feel free to contact me anytime for help or just to catch up on old times.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Larry M. Newton  
National Vice Chief

## 2007 Conclave Reflections

As our summer draws to a close and we begin school again, I cannot help but to look back over the summer and reminisce on all the fun we have had and the awesome conclave Pilthlako lodge hosted in April. If you did not get the chance to attend I must say that you missed out on great fun and fellowship as the seven lodges from our section gathered in Brunswick, Georgia. Whether playing volleyball, tug of war, wischixin, performing ceremonies, or throwing snowballs at each other everyone who attended found some way to have a ton of fun and meet new people. Planning for next year's conclave is already underway and the COC will meet to get things rolling in September. So start promoting it in your lodge now!

Trey Musgrave  
SR-4N Secretary

## Key SR-4N Dates

Council of Chiefs  
*September 8, 2007*

NLS in Monteagle, TN  
*October 5-7, 2007*

NLS/NLATS in Live Oak, FL  
*November 2-4, 2007*

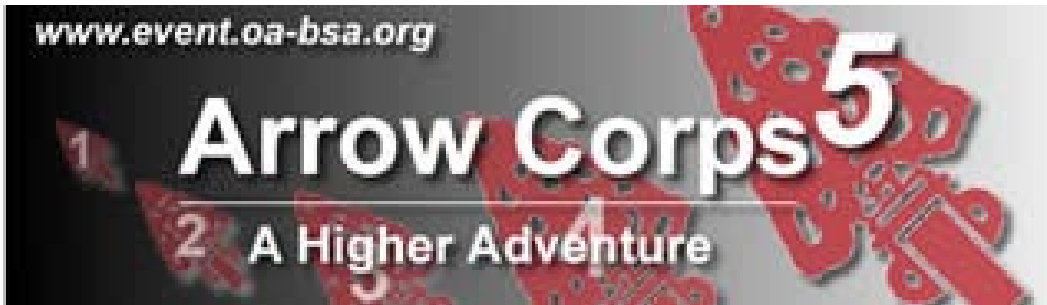
Conclave at Camp Patten  
*April 18-20, 2008*



## SR4N.org Update

Due to all the activity over this summer, I haven't had a whole lot of time to update the website as frequently as I do but since things are slowing down and the website is back up to speed. As always, I am still asking for any and all pictures from section events to put on the site as well as the newsletters. If you have any please send them to [treyster179@yahoo.com](mailto:treyster179@yahoo.com). Also, I am trying to update the section calendar with every lodge's events. So chiefs, check the website calendar and if your lodge's events are not listed please tell me what to add.

Trey Musgrave  
SR-4N Webmaster



## 5 Sites - 5 Weeks - 5,000 Arrowmen

Manti-La Sal National Forest

June 14 - June 21, 2008



Mark Twain National Forest

June 7 - June 14, 2008



George Washington & Jefferson

June 21 - June 28, 2008



Shasta-Trinity National Forest

July 12 - July 19, 2008



Bridger-Teton National Forest

June 26 - August 2, 2008



*For more information go to [www.event.oa-bsa.org](http://www.event.oa-bsa.org)*