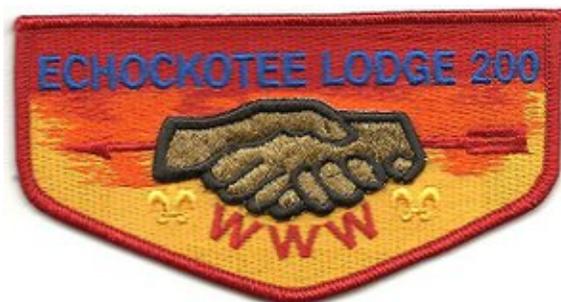


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July-August Edition

Chapter News

During the final weeks of summer camp, Camp Shands was graced with the presence of the ArrowTour traveling exhibit. This special one-time tour of the US took a trailer full of events to different campsites across the country, and Camp Shands was selected to be one of the camps at which they would stop. The point of this event was to help educate scouters and non-scouters alike about the history and purpose of the Order of the Arrow, as well as to provide fun activities for visitors to participate in. To help make this event grand, Echokotee asked for volunteers to come and help with running the event and planning the dinner that was to be hosted that night, many of our own chapter members decided to step up, despite the fact that a many were in fact attending or staffing summer camp that very same day. Overall the event turned out to be a success, and the dinner to wrap it up was even grander. There, we presented the Centurion Awards to the members who were most impactful in the development of our lodge in the past 100 (or in our case 74) years. After the dinner, our chapter members packed up their bags and left for their sleeping arrangements (be them tents or houses) in anticipation of the celebration to come at NOAC. Just before the beginning of the school year, a few members from Seminole decided to give the summer a farewell by representing our Chapter and Echokotee Lodge at NOAC 2015, the centennial event for the Order of the Arrow,



celebrating the OA's history as a whole. The event highlights and experiences from Seminole Chapter are outlined in our special NOAC 2015 Edition Newsletter, so if you haven't already done so, take a look at it and see how your fellow arrowmen helped represent Echocottee at the 100th anniversary event. Finally, I would just like to remind you that we have meeting on the third Thursday of every month at Crossroads Baptist Church at 7 o'clock . The address is on the website at www.seminole200.org. Also, don't forget to sign up for our texting service in order to receive messages from our chief and from the lodge. To do this, simply text PANTHERSROAR to 84483. Remember that this newsletter can't be done without your participation, so please e-mail me articles to swardrop4@me.com or hand me a written copy next time you see me.



Yours in Brotherhood,
Scott Wardrop

News From the Chief

Hello Seminole Chapter!

We had a terrific summer! On July 10th, the South Eastern Section segment of ArrowTour made a stop at our very own, Camp Shands. They set up several booths, with screen printing, branding, and merchandising. It did rain a bit, but it was still a good, fun event.

Then, on August 1st-8th, six Seminole Chapter members attended the 100th Anniversary NOAC, at Michigan State. There were games and events all day, including Gaga Ball, Bubble Ball, Zip-Lining, and others as well. There were great classes, where no one could leave without taking something with him. So many patches, even the most avid of patch traders would get tired of seeing them. It was an incredible experience.

Yours in Fellowship,
Griffen Walters, Seminole Chapter Chief

Member's Voice

This summer, I was lucky enough to be one of the six scouts from Seminole Chapter to attend NOACa Michigan State to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the OA. On our way down to the conference, we had two stops along the way. The first stop was at a Cherokee heritage show in Cherokee, NC. There we learned a little bit about the Cherokee tribe's history, and their current condition. The second stop, which was my personal favorite, was a nice long day at Dollywood where we rode roller coasters and rose more roller coasters until we had to leave. That night we made our final push to reach NOAC, staying a hotel overnight and arriving in East Lansing the next morning. At NOAC, there were too many events to count, and I got my first introduction to patch trading! The shows at night were awesome, and for the closing show, which was the most impressive show I have ever seen, Echocottee managed to get front-row seats. After all the fun was had, we got on our buses and headed back home, exhausted after a week of fellowship and excitement.

-Richard Vanier