

The **SOUNDS** of the Section

The Official Newsletter of the OA's Section S-4

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Section Seminars Comes With a Lagniappe

By Joe Charbonnet

Section S-4 is throwing in a little something extra this year. November 11-13, Tipisa Lodge will be hosting one of the most anticipated Section Seminars yet. Section S-4 will descend on Camp La-No-Che in Paisley, Florida, just north of Orlando, for a Section Seminars that again offers second-to-none training to grow stronger leaders in committees, chapters, and lodges.

As usual, Seminars will assemble the Southeast's most knowledgeable minds in American Indian Affairs, Inductions and Ceremonies, and Leadership, but this year the program will include the never-before-seen Conservation USA track.

The much anticipated Conservation USA program is designed to prepare Arrowmen for FourCorps 2010 (see below), S-4's massive conservation project this coming summer. Participants in Conservation USA track will get to spend the morning in leadership taught by OA High Adventure staff and alumni including former Region Chief and OA Wilderness Voyage Foreman Alex Gomez. In the morning the participants will learn dynamic leadership techniques to accomplish the tasks of outdoor **Seminars Continued page 3**



Camp La-No-Che's state-of-the-art facilities will host Section Seminars.

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FourCorps 2010 offers an AC5 Experience Close to Home

By Patrick Gherrity and Joe Charbonnet

Stop what you are doing and just picture yourself on a hot day in June floating down one of the cool spring runs in the Ocala National Forest drifting through the flora on the water's surface. Yes, we'll call that service this summer, as removing invasive species from springs is just one of the projects the FourCorps 2010 staff has come up with.

FourCorps 2010 is an ambitious project that will be put on by Section S-4 in the Ocala National Forest June 13-19, 2010. Drawing inspiration from ArrowCorps5 (AC5), FourCorps 2010 is a service week that will draw in 300 Arrowmen from around the country (some have registered from as distant as Iowa) to do service to a local national forest, all run on a local scale. With base camp at Camp La-No-Che, just across the road from the forest, the project is near the center of the Section—not too far a drive for anyone.

Unlike AC5, you will not be doing the same project all week, rather you will get to experience a day working on every project with the added bonus of never being more than an hour's drive away from the work site. Needless to say this project is going to be meaningful and fun, but it is also historical as we are the first section undertaking a project in conjunction with the US Forest Service since AC5. If you like the idea of participating in an OA High Adventure-type program, FourCorps 2010 is right for you. **FourCorps 2010 Continued on page 3**

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FourCorps 2010 will offer fun and meaningful service, much like AC5.

The ² Sounds Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

I hope that those of you that just returned from NOAC are filled with the spirit and zeal of the OA, and that you bring that enthusiasm back with you to our section and your lodges. Given the ambitious projects our section has planned, we will need to be cognizant of those things that NOAC stressed, namely, the power to better the world that each one of us has within, and the importance of loving one another always.

Our Section Chief Marty Shermetaro just returned from Basic Training for the US Coast Guard. Now that he has returned, he is welcomed back into a section preparing for one of the most ambitious projects ever attempted on the section level.

In the summer of 2010, Section S-4 will be the first in the nation to attempt an ArrowCorps5-type service project in a local national forest site. For one week, **FourCorps 2010** will give Arrowmen around the section the chance to provide all kinds of service to the Ocala National Forest, including some that involves floating down a river soaking in the Florida sunshine. The project is heralded around all of the OA as a groundbreaking service project, so I encourage you to not miss the chance to join us in being the first in the country to engage in such an undertaking.

In order to prepare for FourCorps 2010, this year's Section Seminars, in addition to all of the normal training provided by experts in subjects like leadership, ceremonies, and Indian affairs, will also include a Conservation USA track. This track is intended to train leaders for FourCorps 2010, and will even include a chance to go out and do service in the Ocala National Forest.

Those interested in the next level of OA training should also look into the National Leadership Seminars taking place this November in Covington, Georgia, less than four hours away from some of our lodges. These seminars will provide instruction in leadership strategies from national leaders of the OA. This training is essential for lodge leadership, required for Quality Lodge recognition, and is geographically closer this year than it will be for the next several to come.

I look forward to seeing all of you at training and at FourCorps 2010, and hope that you are as excited about making a huge impact on our communities as I am. NOAC taught us the Power of One, and now it is time to teach the nation the Power of Four: Section S-4.

Yours in Love,
Joe Charbonnet
Section S-4 Vice-Chief



Vice Chief Joe Charbonnet rocks out at last year's SecCon show.

The OA Pop Quiz

1. What's red and white and worn all over?
2. Who is the Chairman of the National OA Committee?
3. What shape symbolizes leadership in the OA?
4. What is the name of the island where E. Urner Goodman kept the first Vigil?
5. The first ceremonialists in the OA wore robes of what color?

Answers:

1. The OA sash of course! 2. Brad Haddock
3. The Triangle 4. The Devil's Tea Table 5. Black

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Score:

0-1 Correct: Crack Open the Handbook

2-3 Correct: On the Right Path

4-5 Correct: OA Whiz-kid



Seminars: Conservation USA Track to Attract Crowd

service, and in the afternoon they will get to practice them while working on a service project in the Ocala National Forest.

The crew of participants will be fully equipped by the section and complete work where FourCorps 2010 will occur next summer. This group will literally blaze the trail for the 300 participants in FourCorps 2010 next year and will be experienced leaders when the event occurs. Section S-4 is truly unique in offering this type of leadership training to so many scouts. Scouts who enjoyed ArrowCorps5 or OA High Adventure programs will likely enjoy this track at Seminars, and it is highly recommended for those considering OA High Adventure in the future.

Registration is now available through your lodge for all of seminars, and you must indicate on your registration if you plan to take the Conservation USA track. Be sure to contact your lodge chief and sign up quickly, space for this program is limited.

Over the years we have come to expect great leadership training and fellowship from Section Seminars. This year, we get to ask for a little more too.

Past S-4 Chief Alex Gomez will instruct the Conservation USA track. Word on the street is that he will bring his entourage of ladies as well.

Section S-4 Now on By Patrick Gherrity

Want to know the latest going-ons in Section S-4? Want to reconnect with your fellow Arrowmen that you talked to at a Section event? Or are you just trying to

increase the number of friends you have on Facebook? Whatever the reason is, head on over to Facebook and join the Official Section S-4 Group. Just search for "Section S-4" and add SectionSfourOA as a friend to your Facebook Profile. You will always be in the loop on what is happening and be able to talk to others about what is happening in the Section.

Section S-4 has taken the leap into the social networking realm to connect easily with the Arrowmen of S-4. By being a member of the Section S-4 Facebook group and friends with SectionSfourOA you will be up-to-date on the latest information going on in the section. The Section S-4 group events will help remind us all of upcoming section events that you do not want to miss. Don't be behind the times, join Section S-4 and friend SectionSfourOA on Facebook today.

FourCorps 2010: Meaningful Service Close to Home

Just like AC5, we will have recreation days where you can choose from a great number of things such as going to the Kennedy Space Center, going fishing, or maybe something else that catches your fancy in Central Florida. But perhaps more importantly, this is a great opportunity to make friends from around the section and to contribute important restoration to our National Forests. Arrowmen will not only be removing invasive exotics, but also rebuilding forest and naturalizing where illegal trails have been made.

Registration is easy. Just go to the section website at <http://sections-4.org> and choose the "FourCorps 2010" tab to register online and place your deposit. The total cost to participate is only \$195, but space is limited to the first 300 Arrowmen to register.

What We Did for a Klondike Bar

By Patrick Gherrity



The National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University has come to an end sadly, the next NOAC is not until 2012 at Michigan State University. This did not phase the lodges of Section S-4 from having fun at NOAC and the section gathering. At the gathering each lodge showed what they'd do for a Klondike bar.

Semialachee and Echockotee lodge took honors in Pre-Ordeal ceremonies competition. O-Shot-Caw lodge earned 16 medals from competing in the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies competitions. O-Shot-Caw are the national champions in dodgeball. Geoff Landau (Past Section S-4 Chief), Alex Gomez (Past Section S-4 and Southern Region Chief) and Ed Tudor were awarded the Distinguished Service Award. Those are just a few of the amazing things that took place at this year's NOAC. Be sure to attend the next one in 2012 so you don't miss out.

The 4 Sounds Lodge Reports

AAL-PA-TAH



At our May Service Weekend, we also hosted an Ordeal. 123 new members were inducted into the Order, as well as 12 new Brotherhood members. Over 900 man hours of service were completed. That's over 3 months of

work that our Camp Rangers don't have to worry about. But it wasn't all work, between Call of Duty Tournaments, a Pow-wow and games galore, our Members had a great time with fellow brothers in Fellowship.

Tanah Keeta Summer Camp was soon to follow. Wednesday was Order of the Arrow Day! Every Wednesday at Tanah Keeta, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237 took over the camp on multiple levels. Gator chefs prepared dinner and conversations at all meals were drowned out by spirit and chants. We didn't just sing, there was also a Native American Pow-wow, with a Tap-out Ceremony as well as fire dancing demonstrations. Many scouts were called out, and many others were recognized as first year Arrowmen of many lodges, but ALL scouts enjoyed the Pow-wow and Festivities.

We are now pushing toward our Lodge Leadership Development Course and Fall Ordeal. The LLDC will have courses spreading from Communication to Nimat as well as our first LEC of the new election year. Fall Ordeal is appearing to be a large event with over 130 candidates. We will break out our Section-Best Ceremony Team and first place Inductions systems to hold a fantastic Ordeal, with Cheerful Service, Fun and Fellowship.

Justin Warnimont
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

ALAPAHA



Hello Brothers,

Let me catch you up on the currents of Alapaha. We have been very busy lately making preparations for our upcoming events. We are very excited and are awaiting what we know will be a

glorious time.

Recently, our ceremonies teams have begun to practice. They are working very hard to ensure a wonderful set of ceremonies this fall. We know that their arduous labor will provide Alapaha with one of the best ceremonies around.

With the help of our brothers from Aal-Pa-Tah, we have been working on a new website, thus thrusting us into the digital age. We hope that this website will help us to stay in better contact with all of our members.

In the near future, Alapaha lodge will be conducting a Native American crafts and culture seminar. We will also be conducting our Tap-Out ceremony soon. Our Inductions process is well under way as preparations are being made to widen our circle and accept new brothers. We look forward to the upcoming Section Seminar, and cannot wait to join our fellow brothers once more.

Knowing that the rest of this year will be a marvelous, we cannot wait for the good times to keep rolling. Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

Greg Fricker
Alapaha Lodge Chief

ECHOCKOTEE



Under the leadership of our immediate past Chief Jon Wright, Echokotee received the 2008 National Service Award, joining its brothers from 2007 and 2006 on our trophy shelf. The lodge was recognized for its superlative dedication to service, totaling more than \$200,000 of donated labor.

The lodge has a tradition of giving service at six weekend events each year. That service, in combination with service projects conducted by our chapters, has been the basis for our success.

We bused a 40-Arrowman contingent to NOAC '09 and back, including side trips to Mammoth Cave, the Corvette Museum and the Louisville Slugger Museum. While at NOAC, Echokotee's AIA chairman Luis Velez won 6th place in Traditional Dance and the Echokotee Pre-Ordeal team was named an Honor Team.

At the end of August, we brought our digital registration & payment system online at echokotee.org. The system, developed in-house over the course of nearly ten painful years, allows dues-paying members of the lodge to register for lodge events and pay annual dues easily by credit card. We anticipate that it will improve our members' experience and benefit retention.

We look forward to joining you soon at Section Seminars. In the meantime, we'll be hosting our first Lodge weekend of the leadership term, recruiting participants for NLS Covington and producing a new lodge flap.

In WWW,
Aaron Lewis
Echokotee Lodge Chief

The 5 Sounds Lodge Reports

O-SHOT-CAW



The O-Shot-Caw Lodge had a phenomenal time at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference. We came to the conference in full force with over 50 arrowmen eager to learn and have a great time. Throughout NOAC our

contingent participated in practically every event available. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge had a great time at the section gathering and thanks for the Klondike bars!

Our lodge had tremendous amounts of enthusiasm at NOAC. We came to all of the shows with a different theme, cheered everywhere we went, and drew the attention of everyone around when we arrived at NOAC in shirt and ties.

Following the conference, we continued our trip with a visit to the Indiana Train Museum, the Louisville Slugger Museum, a day at King's Island Amusement Park, and the Newport aquarium.

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge received many honors at NOAC 2009. Ceremonies Team received 16 medals competing in the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Ceremonies. Lenny Schrage and Jon Yost were named National Champion and Runner Up for the Vigil Honor Ceremony.

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge historical display and website received honor and merit status, respectively. Jack McLeod was named one of the Top 10 in the nation for Traditional Dance. Our Lodge received First Place in the dodgeball tournament. Geoff Landau and Alex Gomez received the Distinguished Service Award.

See you at Section Seminars,
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
Brad Schmidt

OSCEOLA



Osceola Lodge has just finished up a great summer worth of activities. We had a great representation at the LLDC meeting where we brushed up skills from making an agenda, to using resources throughout the lodge.

This was a great experience for all of those attending, to make the lodge better as a whole.

Then the second event of Osceola's summer began at Camp Flying Eagle with a winter wonderland themed summer fellowship, seeing the snow falling in June was able to put a smile on everybody's face.

Then we got into the heart of the summer with OA high adventure, we had two participants from the lodge this year. Sean Ferrier was able to go down to Sea Base for the Ocean Adventure, while he was there he received his triple crown, which we would like to congratulate him on achieving. The second participant was Jacob Jansen who headed up North for the inaugural Canadian Odyssey.

NOAC topped of the summer for Osceola Lodge with a rock themed contingent to represent us on a National level. We would like to congratulate Zach Lombardo for placing in the top ten in Fancy Dance at the NOAC competition. We are looking forward to a great year in the Lodge, and see you at Section Seminars.

Yours in Brotherhood
Jacob Jansen
Osceola Lodge Chief

TIMUQUAN



Timuquan lodge's LEB and LEC approved the first revision of our "Where to Go Camping Guide" in recent years.

We have continued to provide service to our council camps. We are working at get our Chapter Chiefs on their respective district committee/board.

We had 28 members of our Lodge participate at NOAC with 3 additional members serving on staff. Over 20 members of Timuquan Lodge worked on staff at our council summer camp at Sand Hill Scout Reservation.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Matthew Hall
Timuquan Lodge Chief

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 17, 2009
Southern Region One Day of Service
Taking Place in Lodges Around S-4

November 6-8, 2009
NLS/NLATS
GA FFA-FCCLA Ctr., Covington, GA
<http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org/nls>

November 13-15, 2009
Section S-4 Seminars
Camp La-No-Che
Paisley, FL

April 16-18, 2010
Section S-4 Conference
Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation
Lake Wales, FL

June 8-August 18, 2010
OA High Adventure Programs
National High Adventure Bases
<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>

June 13-19, 2010
FourCorps 2010
Ocala National Forest
Camp La-No-Che, Paisley, FL

July 26-August 4, 2010
National Scout Jamboree
Fort A.P. Hill
Caroline County, VA

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