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2008 Section S-4S Conference

A Cheerful Heart is Lively

By Sean Ferrier

The time of a lifetime is fast approaching. This year's Section Conference will be held on April 11-13, at the beautiful Camp Flying Eagle in Bradenton FL. During this weekend Arrowmen from all over the state will gather at this historic location on the Manatee River, on behalf of Osceola Lodge I would like to say that it is an honor for us to host this year's Section Conference at the oldest Scout camp in Florida.

It's hard to list all of the great opportunities you will have at this year's Section Conference, we have prepared games and activities that will stimulate all of your interests, whether you like running around, playing games, or just hanging out and enjoying a puzzle or two, we have something for you. There will be displays by the Florida National Guard, US Army, United States Coast Guard, US Air Force, Manatee County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit & The Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue.

Some of the training sessions on the schedule for this year's conference are: Reducing your ecological footprint, History of Section/Area events, AC5 Squad Leader Prep course, Who's Robert and why is he in Order?, The evolution of the order, OA and Cub Scouting, Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremonies, Building a Lodge Budget, Ok... I am a Troop/Team Rep... Now what do I do?, Lodge Communications, Increasing Your Brotherhood Conversion, Dance Style Factors and analysis, Group dance planning, Developing a Lodge drum, Lane stitch, Prehistory of Southeastern Indians, Silverwork, Pottery making and Fingerweaving. For a complete list refer to your registration materials, when you check in at the conference.

The Section S-4S Conference is a great opportunity for all of us to meet new friends from all over the state or to get reacquainted with old friends from other Lodges. So don't let this pass you by! Look for all of this and more, when you join us in beautiful Central Florida at Camp Flying Eagle! Also, don't forget to make time in your schedule to play in this year's S-4S Annual Golf Tournament to see who the big dog is on the Golf Course! (for details on the Golf Tournament, see the article later in this Edition of the Sounds)



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Chiefly speaking

By Geoff Landau

Arrowmen of Section S-4S,

2008 is flying by and April is right around the corner. It is time to get ready for the 2008 Section Conference. This year Section Conference is being hosted by Osceola Lodge #564. Osceola has put a lot of time and effort into the planning of this year's conference and has organized numerous service days to ready the Camp Flying Eagle for our section. If you haven't registered yet, do so soon! If you have any questions on how to register, talk to your lodge chief. This is your only chance in 2008 to be at an event with 1200 of your brothers, eating great food, trading patches, competing for awards, and most importantly, having fun.



Order of the Arrow High Adventure is going to be awesome. If you are registered for this summer, talk to your lodge chief because Section S-4S is offering 1 scholarship to each lodge! Having worked at OA Trail Crew, I speak from experience when I say, OA High Adventure is incredible.

Also, *ArrowCorps*⁵, the largest ever Boy Scouts of America Service Project, is not an event to miss out on. There is still room in the sites for you to sign up, so get your deposit in, and I hope to see you there! Do not miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Yours in Service,
Geoff Landau
Section S-4S Chief

Planning to Run for Section Office?

ALL SECTION OFFICERS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ⇒ A registered member, in good standing, of the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America in a council within the Section who has approval, in writing and in advance of being nominated, of his council scout executive or council executive's designee.
- ⇒ Younger than 21 during his entire term of office
- ⇒ All written letters are due to the Section Advisor by noon on Saturday of the Section Conference

Section Chief

- ⇒ Organizes and gives positive leadership to achieve a successful annual Section Conference and fulfill Section operations responsibilities.

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- ⇒ Holds no other elected position in the Order of the Arrow during his term. Must resign from all lodge and chapter offices within 30 days of his election as Section Chief.
- ⇒ Presides over meetings of the Council of Chiefs and the Section Conference business meeting.
- ⇒ Delegates duties to other Section officers and members of the Council of Chiefs.
- ⇒ Works closely with the Section advisers. Keeps the Section adviser and Section staff adviser fully informed of all his activities related to the Order of the Arrow. Shares copies of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Order with these individuals and with others that are concerned.
- ⇒ Assures that all aspects of Section activity are conducted according to the Section Rules.
- ⇒ Compiles the Section Conference reports within 45 days of the end of the Section Conference and, along with the final financial statement, submits copies to the following: members of the Council of Chiefs; area director; region chief, region chairman and staff adviser; and director of the Order of the Arrow. (This is the responsibility of the Section Chief completing his term of office at the Section Conference.)
- ⇒ Serves as an example of the ideals of the BSA and the Order of the Arrow.
- ⇒ Wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- ⇒ Attends all Section Officer Seminars and appropriate National Leadership Seminars, as well as all Section events.
- ⇒ Represents the Section in at region and national functions and activities of the Order of the Arrow, when invited.
- ⇒ Participates in an annual national planning meeting. The Section will pay for the transportation and planning meeting fees to attend. The Section Chief will serve as a member of the committee planning the national program of emphasis for the coming year. Upon successful evaluation and timely completion of his responsibilities, his fees and transportation will be funded to fulfill any assigned Order of the Arrow duties at the program of emphasis.
- ⇒ Promotes participation in region and national events.
- ⇒ Appoints and oversees a Section assistance team that will operate under the leadership of the Section Vice Chief.

Section Vice Chief

- ⇒ Assists the Section Chief, as directed by him, to carry out the operations of the Section.
- ⇒ Organizes and gives positive leadership to the Section assistance team appointed by the Section Chief.
- ⇒ Assures that the Section Conference is promoted in all councils.
- ⇒ Assumes other responsibilities and duties as assigned by the Section Chief.
- ⇒ Promotes participation in region and national events.
- ⇒ Assumes the responsibilities of the Section Chief until the Council of Chiefs elects a successor for the unexpired term, in the event the Section Chief resigns or is unable to fulfill his term of office.

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- ⇒ Wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- ⇒ Attends all Council of Chiefs meetings, Section Officer Seminars and appropriate National Leadership Seminars, as well as all Section events.
- ⇒ Holds no other position in the Order of the Arrow during his term, must resign from all lodge and chapter offices within 30 days of his election as Section Vice Chief.

Section Secretary

- ⇒ Assists the Section Chief in communicating with members of the Council of Chiefs and advisers.
- ⇒ Provides written or email notification of all Council of Chiefs meeting at least 15 days in advance.
- ⇒ Records the minutes of all meetings of the Council of Chiefs, and the Section Conference business meeting. Distributes copies of all minutes to Council of Chiefs members within 15 days following each meeting.
- ⇒ Maintains an up-to-date roster of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the Council of Chiefs members. The distribution of the roster, and all changes, shall be to: members of the Council of Chiefs, region chief, region chairman, region staff adviser, area director, and the director of the Order of the Arrow.
- ⇒ Promotes participation in region and national events.
- ⇒ Serves as an example of the ideals of the BSA and the Order of the Arrow.
- ⇒ Wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- ⇒ Attends all Council of Chiefs meetings, Section Officer Seminars, and appropriate national leadership seminars, as well as all Section events.
- ⇒ Should have a working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher software for newsletter creation/editing and the ability to work with HTML and web pages for maintenance of the Section's website.

Section Historian

- ⇒ Assists the Section Vice Chief with Section assistance team appointments.
- ⇒ Maintains the Section's historical information.
- ⇒ Develops standards for and oversees the judging of the annual King's Cup competition.
- ⇒ Assists other Section officers, where needed.
- ⇒ Serves as an example of the ideals of the BSA and the Order of the Arrow.
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July 12-19, 2008 | California

It's a good thing Teddy Roosevelt had the vision and foresight to protect American forests like Shasta-Trinity — granite peaks and cliffs, canyons, glaciers, rock pinnacles, and reflective lakes offer a solitude you won't find inside any of California's sprawling cities. Here, the earth is raw and visceral; its power is palpable. As Mount Shasta looms in the distance, a plume of sulfurous smoke serves as a reminder of the awesome energy that lies hidden beneath the surface — at 14,162 feet, it is the second highest volcano in the Cascade Range.



The ArrowCorps5 Shasta-Trinity National Forest Project (ASTP) consists of several elements of work on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), feeder trails to the PCT, illegal dump site clean-up, and fuel reduction. The purpose of the project is to provide much needed assistance to the National Forest with trail maintenance and clean-up that otherwise would not be done. The projects require a range of abilities that should be sufficient to provide all participants with a satisfying experience, while rendering a service to the forest and future visitors.

To the East of the I5, there are two main elements of the project. There will be standard trail maintenance done for the approximately 69 miles of PCT from where it enters the Forest at Peavine Creek to the I5. Standard trail maintenance provides restoration of the trail as needed, and could include installation or re-construction of water bars, tread reconstruction, brushing, possible signage at trail intersections, and restoration and/or construction of new erosion protective structures adjacent to the trail. Additionally, there will be trail maintenance on the approximately 7 mile McCloud Loop Trail, which will include brushing, tread work and route markers. Elevations along these elements of the project vary from 2200 feet to over 6100 feet. Preliminary planning indicates that this work will require approximately 21 crews, with 10 members in each crew.

West of the I5, there have been three trails identified as in need of maintenance. Directly west of the I5, the PCT passes through the Castle Crags Wilderness (CCW), with slightly over 15 miles of trail that needs standard trail maintenance. All work in this area will be performed with hand tools and/or pole trimmers. No mechanical type of equipment will be allowed to be used on this element of the project. Beyond the wilderness area, there is an additional 46 miles of the PCT out to Bull Lake that will need standard trail maintenance. Additionally, a PCT feeder trail slightly over 24 miles in length, known as the Sisson Callahan Trail (SCT), is also in need of some heavy repair. Some of this trail, about 1.5 miles in length, has gullies 2 to 3 feet deep that will require intense rock work to bring the tread back up and create lead off ditches through adjacent berms. The elevation at the I5 starts these elements of the project off at 2200 feet and can get over 7600 feet, with the average at around 5500 feet. It is presently planned that 4 crews will be needed for the trail within the wilderness, 12 teams on the balance of the PCT, and 18 crews on the Sisson Callahan Trail work.

The final trail project is the construction of a new South Gate Trail at Panther Meadows, north of the city of Mt. Shasta. This 1.1 miles of trail is partially in the Mt Shasta Wilderness and is presently in the environmental evaluation and permitting cycle. It is hoped that the approval process will be completed in time for 2 crews to construction this new trail at a 6500 foot level.

In addition to the trail work, other projects have been identified. Two of the projects will involve the removal of illegally dumped materials in the forest, normally adjacent to accessible roads, within a five miles radius of the towns of Mt. Shasta and Weed. Presently there are 6 crews anticipated for the week long project to clean-up the majority of the sites.



July 26—August 2, 2008 | Wyoming

Located in Western Wyoming, the Bridger-Teton offers more than 3.4 million acres of public land for your outdoor recreation enjoyment. With its pristine watersheds, abundant wildlife and immense wild lands, the Bridger-Teton National Forest comprises a large part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem - the largest intact ecosystem in the lower 48 United States. Offering nearly 1.2 million acres of designated Wilderness, over 30,000 miles of road and trail and thousands of miles of unspoiled rivers and streams, the Bridger-Teton offers something for everyone. We encourage you to visit this beautiful landscape and experience this

unique piece of American Heritage.

Teton Pass Trail Construction

This is the single largest project at the Bridger-Teton site. About 650 participants and staff will be needed to complete about 8,000 feet of mountain bike trail. The Teton Pass project will be split into three work groups. The Snowtel 1 and Snowtel 2 groups will be doing more basic trail construction where there is not a major shift in elevation. Most of the participants will be working in the Snowtel groups. The remainder of the participants will be working in the Two Towers area of the Teton Pass. This will be more intermediate trail building with some elevation shift. The work crews will be camping at the main camp in Jackson WY. The tools that will be used at this project will be standard trail building tools: McCleods, mattocks, shovels, etc.

Goosewing Exclusion Fence Removal

About 200 participants and staff will be needed to remove the 8,000 feet of the Goosewing Exclusion Fence. The fence is about ten feet high, made of sheep wire, with a string of barbed wire on top. In addition to using wire cutters, and mattocks, a special wire spooling tool will be used. The fence encloses a very large area and inhibits wildlife migration. The participants will be camped at a satellite camp at the Goosewing Guard Station.



Dutch Joe Fence Removal

About eighty (80) participants and staff will be needed to remove about a quarter mile of wooden and sheep wire fence in this area. The fences are located in open and wooded terrain, and a great vista of the Grand Tetons dominates the open landscape. The work crews will be using wire cutters and their strong backs to move the fencing material to a central location where the Forest Service will pick it up. The crews will be camping in a remote satellite camp. Participants will return to Jackson on Thursday evening to enjoy their recreation day on Friday.

ARROWCORPS 5
A HIGHER ADVENTURE

Section S-4S Golf Tournament



The Links at Greenfield Plantation

10325 Greenfield Blvd.
Bradenton, FL 34212
941-747-9432

Friday, April 11, 2008
Cost: \$50 per player
Registration 11:30 AM
Get your lodge team together!

Longest drive and closest to the pin competitions will take place.

Questions?
Contact Geoff Landau
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2nd annual Section S-4S Golf Tournament – 4 Man Scramble



This year's event will be held **Friday, April 11th** at The Links at Greenfield Plantation, Bradenton, FL.

Registration begins at the golf course at 11:30 AM, lunch is provided, and we tee-off at 1 PM. Directly after the round, dinner is provided for golfers at the clubhouse.

Come join us for an enjoyable day of special events, lunch, 18 holes of golf (including cart) and dinner, all for just \$50 per player. What better tradition to kick off the 2008 Section Conference!

There will be an awards presentation during the Conference for the winning lodge teams. Individual awards will be presented during Friday's dinner at the clubhouse, and announced during the conference.

Golf attire is required, soft spike shoes only please. The proceeds raised will be donated to the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund.

Registration Form

(If you are a single player, you will be paired upon arrival)

Lodge Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

_____ players x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

Boy Scouts of America
In the memo, please add: Acct. #810-G

Please mail registration form and payment to:

Central Florida Council, BSA
1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 102
Apopka, FL 32703-7747

*** Please return check and registration form by Monday, March 31, 2008.**



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Calendar of Events

2008

March

Philbreak Session 1

April

11-13 2008 Section S-4S Conference
Camp Flying Eagle — Bradenton, FL

June

OA Ocean Adventure
OA Tail Crew
OA Wilderness Voyage
AC⁵: Mark Twain
AC⁵: Manti-La Sal
AC⁵: Washington and Jefferson

July

AC⁵: Shasta-Trinity
AC⁵: Bridger-Teton

November

7-9 2008 Section Seminars/CoC
Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation — Tequesta, FL

2009

April

17-19 2009 Section S-4S Conference
Sand Hill Scout Reservation — Brooksville, FL

August

1-6 National Order of the Arrow Conference
University of Indiana — Bloomington, IN

September

National Leadership Seminars
FFA Leadership Training Center — Haines City

November

Section S-4S Seminars/CoC
Hosted by O-Shot-Caw Lodge

In the Next Edition...

In the Summer Edition of the Sounds of S-4S, look for the following:

- 2008 Section Conference Re-cap
- Meet your new Section Officers