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Spring Fellowship is Fast Approaching

Spring Fellowship? What is it and why should you come?

This year's Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp Euchee on February 27-29. If you are not sure what the Spring Fellowship is just look at the name. It is fellowship, it is a time when the members of the Lodge come together for a big party.

There will be games, Brotherhood classes, fun at the lake, and real good food. If you went through the Ordeal last May and you are ready for a new sash come on up for some fun to learn about the meaning of being a member of the Order of the Arrow. Even if it has been a while you still can come and earn your Brotherhood. The best part of going camping is being with friends. So, if you know an OA member that is not planning on going, try to talk them into going, and have them bring a friend. Let's make this year's Spring Fellowship ROCK!

Charles Bellinghausen
Lodge Vice-Chief

SR4N Conclave

The annual section conclave for SR-4N will be held April 23-25 at Camp Alafllo, located near Dothan, Alabama. It will be hosted by Cowikee 224. The weekend will be filled with great leadership development training, athletic competitions, ceremony evaluations, fellowship, patch trading, fun and inspiration. Yustaga's contingent will be comprised of 45 members.

Slots are quickly filling so if you have not already registered, **do so today!** Cost for the event is \$30.00 and covers all meals from supper Friday through breakfast Sunday, including crackerbarrels on Friday and Saturday nights. Check in will begin at 5:00 so please note that it may be necessary to leave school or work early. Transportation will be coordinated through the Chapters.

Wade Hartley
Lodge Adviser

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Everyone,

I just came back from the National Order of the Arrow planning meeting and have some awesome news.

First and foremost, NOAC is going to be tons of fun, so sign up if you haven't yet.

Second, for anyone that has been in the lodge for the last 4 or 5 years, and remembers **David Dowty**, we now have something to brag about. David began his OA career in our lodge and received his brotherhood in Yustaga lodge and we were the basis for his OA career. He then had to move to Germany when his dad was transferred and became a member of the Black Eagle Lodge.

It is with great pleasure I get to say that a former Yustaga Lodge member, **David Dowty**, is this year's National Vice-Chief. Also, **Steven Henry** was elected as the TOAP Conference Vice-Chief(CVC). Our new Southern Region chief is **Seth Dearmin**.

All of the new national, region, and CVC's can be looked at by accessing the OA website: www.aa-bsa.org

Steven Henry
Section Chief

2004 NOAC

Wade Hartley, Lodge Adviser

The **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)** will be held this summer at Iowa State University in Ames from July 31-August 5. The Contingent will depart Pensacola on July 28 and return August 8. Yustaga has been allocated a contingent of 16 members, which includes a maximum limit if 5 adults. Contingent members must be active and currently registered with the lodge.

Adults will be selected based on the needs of the contingent, including, but not limited to, the ability to provide transportation. All participants will be required to travel with the contingent.

The conference fee is \$335.00. When travel costs are added, participants should plan on the trip costing approximately \$575.00 which will include transportation, lodging and food. An installment payment schedule is as follows:

February 15, 2004	---	\$125.00	(\$125.00 total)
March 15, 2004	---	\$150.00	(\$275.00 total)
April 15, 2004	---	\$150.00	(\$425.00 total)
June 15, 2004	---	\$150.00	(\$575.00 total)

If you sign up for NOAC and find that you cannot attend, you will receive a full refund from the Lodge only if the contingent is full and there is an alternate to take your place. If there is no alternate, a partial refund will be made, less any expenses related to contractual agreements made on your behalf and deposits made to the National Office. Deposit fees paid by alternates not selected as active participants will be refunded in full.

Slots are quickly filling up. Don't let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by!

Inductions Committee

Tre' Hellwig, Inductions Chairman

This year we hope to improve on our brotherhood conversion in our push to receive a minimum of 40% conversion of eligible members. At the Spring Fellowship there will be a Brotherhood class in which you will be able to complete all of the requirements needed except for the 10 months. (You can still attend the class even if you do not have your 10 months)

Also we need people who are interested in becoming elangomats for the upcoming Ordeal. Attend the Spring Fellowship Elangomat class or contact **Tre' Hellwig** at e-mail address ghellwig@bellsouth.net or **Ralph Banegas** at rbanegas@aol.com

“Around the Campfire” Lodge Adviser’s Column

Wade Hartley, Lodge Adviser

An Arrowman's New Year Resolutions:

1. To live the Scout Oath and Law in my daily life.
2. To be an active member of my lodge and not just someone who pays his dues.
3. To complain less and do more.
4. To attend and participate in all lodge functions.
5. To assist an Ordeal member achieve Brotherhood.
6. To adopt a brand new member following the Ordeal and make sure that he comes to the Fall Pow Wow.
7. To remember that I was chosen not for what I have done, but for what I am expected to do in the future.
8. Be a part of the solution and not part of the problem.
9. To sign up for and become active with at least one Lodge Committee.
10. To rededicate myself to our principles and purpose.

Treasurer’s Report

Allen Bishop, Lodge Treasurer

The end of the year lodge balance was \$9,648.48. New items available in the Lodge Box include men and women's Yustaga watches (pre-order \$17.00) and also a Section Patch (\$5.00, max. order of 5). Any suggestions for new items or appropriations can be made at the next LEC.



New Staff Adviser Named

Joey Quick, District Executive for Perdido Bay District has been named the new Staff Adviser.

He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow as a youth and is a Brotherhood member. He is the former District Executive of the Alabama-Florida District and has worked the last two years as Business manager at STSR.

Chapter Information

Apalachee

Chief

Michael Kirkland
Adviser

Ted Spangenberg, Sr

Choctaw

Chief

Ray Bennington
Adviser

Keith Reyher

Oschambos

Chief

Byron Caudle
Adviser

Chad Hartley

Panzacola

Chief

Ben Marshall
Adviser

Jim Matson

Techakin

Chief

Adviser

Frank Henry

2004

January 30-Feb 1
Green Bar Training

The chapter hosted the 2003 Lodge Banquet on December 6, which had a pretty decent turnout and was a success. Thanks goes to all who helped and participated.

February 27-29
Spring Fellowship

The chapter held a chapter Christmas Party for the December meeting which turned out great. We came up with new ideas for chapter meetings for the next year.

Attendance has been gradually increasing for the chapter. We hope to continue having guys show up at events.

April 23-25
SR-4N Conclave

Apalachee Chapter

Michael Kirkland, Chapter Chief

Our Chapter meets on the last Sunday of each month. We are presently working on Unit Elections and hope to have them done by mid February.

May 14-16
Ordeal

Our future goals are to increase participation in our chapter and have at least half of our ordeal members seal their membership in the lodge in the up coming months. We are also looking into the possibility of developing either a dance team or drum team. We have some eager members who would like to do this.

July 31—August 5
2004 NOAC

I would like to take this time to reach out to the members of the Apalachee Chapter which have not been active this past year and would like them to come to the up coming meeting and see what changes we have made and are making.

September 10-12
Fall Pow Wow

Panzacola Chapter

Chris Werre, Chapter Chief

October 30
LLDC

The Panzacola chapter continues to have exciting meetings. At our November meeting, Mr. Wayne Pannell introduced a cryogenics specialist from Air Products. He demonstrated the effects of liquid nitrogen. It was neat to see hot dogs, flowers, and balls crack from being frozen! (That is how your chapter members who went to Okpik felt the last night they were there- just ask us about that adventure...) All were amazed at the demonstrations.

December 4
Lodge Banquet

During the meeting in December, election teams were formed. These teams will visit over 30 troops to conduct the upcoming OA elections in January and February. Look for us at one of your troop meetings. Please feel free to call our chapter adviser, Mr. Matson, 469-1893, if you have any questions regarding elections. Our chapter meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM, at the Troop 3 Scout Hut, Cokesbury UMC on 9th Avenue in Pensacola. We hope to see you there! Remember: our chapter will be hosting the Esca-Rosa District Spring Camporee. More details to follow.

All dates are subject to change by the LEC.

6 Yustaga Arrowmen Attend National Leadership Seminar

Ryan Braddy, Lodge Vice-Chief

Recently six members of the Yustaga Lodge attended the National Leadership Seminar in Haines City, Florida. The weekend was filled with numerous instructional training sessions, games, and presentations by our 2003 National Vice-Chief, Rich Moore; 2003 Southern Region Chief, Frank McMillan; the director of the OA, Clyde Mayer; and many more. Some of the highlights of the weekend included great food, hotel type accommodations, patch trading, and the opportunity to meet other arrowmen from lodges across the Southern Region who all hold some form of a leadership capacity in their lodge. This included both section chiefs from SR-4.

These gentlemen and our lodge contingent attended the NLS because they are devoted to upholding the principles of the OA, but most importantly, to learn how to run a lodge while making it fun and to serve our troops, districts, and councils with a better knowledge of how to satisfy the greatest number of people in the most efficient ways. The fact that the staff made it fun and educational at the same time is probably the best part of the whole experience.

This seminar is currently considered to be the best training experience offered to arrowmen across the country. As this is a national program, it is impossible to hold one for every section each year. During the 2004 year the closest seminar offered will be held in Canton, Mississippi. If you are interested in attending there is a slim chance that you will be able to attend as a guest of another lodge. If not, your best bet would be to attend in 2005. The cost for the NLS is more than your *average* training course but you have to remember that this is no ordinary course; it is the cream of the crop and all of the materials and trainers are top notch.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone that has been to a NLS before about the entire weekend. Putting on a course like a NLS takes a lot of time and effort and believe me, it showed!

Techakin Chapter

Frank Henry, Chapter Advisor

We need a youth to come forward to fill the position of Chapter Chief.

Our "one-day" service project was cleaning a 3.5 mile trail at Big Lagoon State Park.

Our chapter meetings have been very poorly attended. We now meet with the Panzacola Chapter at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church on 9th Avenue, at 7 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Congratulations 2003 Award Recipients

Founder's Award

Doug Watson

Lodge Committee
Chairman of the Year

Tre' Hellwig

Lodge Officer of the
Year

Doug Watson

Youth Arrowman of
the Year

Steven Henry

Adult Arrowman of
the Year

Ralph Banegas

Attention:

"TAKE CHARGE"
Arrowmen
Needed **NOW**

No
experience
necessary;
WILL TRAIN!

"Blast from
the Past"
interest
would help.

Learn and/
or teach
others how
to keep a
beat.

Make and
wear
disguises.
Be part of
the LEC.

Contact:
Shirley
McElroy
850-729-
1737,
Native
American
Events
Adviser.



NEW!!
SECTION SR4N
PATCH

Section Patch orders are being taken and the patches will be distributed on a first-pay basis. There is a limit of 5 per person and the cost is \$5.00. Patches can be ordered on the registration form.

PRE-ORDER YUSTAGA WATCHES

BE THE FIRST IN YOUR CHAPTER to own one of these new watches! Pre-order price is \$17.00 each (Final price will be determined by total number of orders)

Men's and Ladies' styles are available. The watches should be available at the Ordeal.

Order on the Lodge Registration form



Lodge Committees

Committee	Chairman	Adviser
Ceremony	Ted Werre	Randy Werre
Publications	William Mobley	Jimmy Wiselogel
Vigil	Steven Henry	Keith Reyher
Native American	TBA	Shirley McElroy
Inductions	Tre Hellwig	Ralph Banegas
Historical Awards	James Bell	Laurie Bell
Service	Derek King	Randy Bundy
Camp Promotion	Chris Bowdish	Dennis Johnson
Health & Safety	Monty Haight	Mike Rushing
Unit Service	Taylor Biggs	Robert Carey

Osprey Articles!!! Attention!!!!

The Publications staff **NEEDS** your **ARTICLES** for the Osprey! Chapter chiefs are responsible for monthly chapter notices and information. Any committees that need to voice themselves, we also welcome your articles and would like to have a monthly feature that has to do with your committee.

Any general interest articles are appreciated as long as they pertain to the Order and Scouting. Brothers, this is your lodge and you can only make it as good as the effort you put forth! This paper is for you! So please submit your articles!!!



OSPREY DEADLINES

February/March	January 1st
April/May	March 1st
September/October	August 1st
November/December	October 1st

Articles not consistent with the Ideals of the Boy Scouts of America will not be used. Submit articles to Jimmy Wiselogel (jimmy@wiselogel.com) for approval and inclusion in the Osprey. Articles may be edited and/or used in a later issue.

Service Opportunities

The OA Strategic Plan for the 21st Century announced increased service to the units, districts and councils that the Order of the Arrow serves.

In the spirit of that challenge, Yustaga is pleased to announce three new service opportunities for our members: Scoutreach Mentoring Program, ASK, and OA Service Corps. While Scoutreach and ASK are national programs, the Lodge Service Corps is a local program. Arrowmen can download applications for all three groups from the lodge website.

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Lodge Registration Form

Totals

2004 Dues Payment	\$7.50			_____
Spring Fellowship Registration (Feb 27-29, 2004)	\$13.00 before Feb 23	\$18.00 after Feb 23		_____
Spring Fellowship extra Patches	\$3.00 each	x _____	=	_____
Deposit for 2004 Conclave	\$30.00			_____
Deposit for 2004 NOAC	\$125.00			_____
SR 4N Patch (Limit 5)	\$5.00 each	x _____	=	_____
Yustaga Watches Pre-Order	Mens Style \$17.00 each	x _____	=	_____
	Ladies Style \$17.00 each	x _____	=	_____
			Total Enclosed	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone# () _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Chapter [A] [C] [O] [P] [T]

Youth / Adult

Please use a different form for each person. This form is for current members only, not for reactivation.

Mail Form to Gulf Coast Council (Address on Back of Osprey)