

The Osprey

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Gulf Coast Council #773
August-September 2006



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Fall Pow Wow



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September 15th - 17th, 2006

STSR Camp Euchee

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF YUSTAGA!

**2006—2007
Calendar**

(2006)
September 15-17
Fall Pow Wow

October 28-29
LLD

December 2
Lodge Banquet

(2007)
January 26-28
**Green Bar
Training**

March 2-4
Spring Fellowship

April 20-22
**SR-4N Conclave
at Camp Tolochee
Brunswick, GA**

May 4-6
Ordeal

All dates are
subject to change
by the LEC.

APPALACHEE

Bozarth	Jared
Bradford	David
Canady	Cody
Dysvik	Eric
Gould	Todd
Lafin	Tyler
Lightsey	Bryan
Mainor	Jed
Pando	Hadji
Parsons	Graham
Perdomo	Zachary
Smith	Matthew
Stuart	Tymothy
Williams	Deanne
Yates	Brandon

PANZACOLA

Anderson	Eric
Beal	Derrick
Bolte	Brett
Bush	Will
Cannon	Ryle
Clark	Chad
Contini	Mathew
Dang	Anthony
Davis	Kristopher
Emerson	Dustine
Fairbanks	Andrew
Feroce	Alex
Gravel	Sean
Henderson	Wesley
Hileman	Adam
Hollinger	Christian
Horne	Matthew
Houser	Steven
Isern	Scott
Johnson	Dominic
Kantner	Jordan
Karp	Patrick
Martin	Ricky
McDaniel	Skylar
Meyer	Nicholas
Peterson	Andrew
Polson	Spencer
Rogers	Davin
Sever	David
Silecky	Ross
Steele	Chris
Stone	Ethan

CHOCTAW

Abel	Anthony
Agnew	Pierce
Allen	John
Allerheiligen	William
Block	Mikiel
Brownlee	Joseph
Croteau	Michael
DeCoste	George
Dermody	Jared
Eaton	J.D.
Graves	John
Jacobs	John
Johnson	Ben
Kuhl	Zacheriah
Lusk	Kody
Marshall	Connor
Messick	James
Minkler	Dustin
Neiger	Tony
Owenby	Caleb
Patel	Benjamin
Poddubny	James
Schmidbauer	Jeffrey
Snell	Johnny
Snow	Chris
Thompson	Kevin
Van Liere	Billy
Van Vliet	Alex
Varnadore	Patrick
Wagner	Robert
Wetzell	Michael
White	Shane

TECHAKIN

Ayala	Nathan
Dennis	Dalton
Dickson	Stephen
Dickson	William
Freyhofer	Alex
McLendon	Ian
Washburn	Chris

PANZACOLA (cont;d)

Suellflow	Joshua
Weir	Alexander
Williams	Alex

Appalachee Chapter Update

Chandler Young, Chapter Chief

Welcome back from a great summer break everybody! A lot of us were busy with summer camps, Philmont, the Summer Social, NOAC, school and various other activities. We should now be ready to get it all going again and it begins with the Fall Pow Wow in September. Ordeal members may train for Brotherhood during the Pow Wow and seal their membership with the Brotherhood Ceremony during the Spring Fellowship. There will be plenty of fun, good food and a lot of fellowship to be enjoyed by everyone at the Pow Wow. We will also participate in the Lodge elections of new officers at this time. Please mark your calendar and make plans to be at the Pow Wow. Our chapter meetings continue to be at the First United Methodist Church in Panama City. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. See you then!

Choctaw Chapter Update

Patrick Bagby, Chapter Chief

This Chapter must still be on summer vacation!

Techakin News

Frank Henry, Chapter Adviser

For our July meeting, we had a Swim/Pizza party at the Niedzwiecki's house. Thanks to the Niedzwiecki's for hosting this event as a good time was had by all. We have decided that we will hold the Lodge Banquet on 2 December 2006 at Sacred Heart's Hall in Pensacola and to cook the meal. Make plans now to attend the Fall Pow Wow where both the Lodge and Chapter will be electing new officers.

Panzacola Chapter Update

Brad Brock, Chapter Chief

This Chapter must be so busy they didn't have time to prepare a chapter report

Ordeal members who were inducted prior to 2006: It's not too late to get your Brotherhood membership! Sign up to attend the Pow Wow, attend the Brotherhood training, and pay your Brotherhood Fee! Seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming a Brotherhood member!

***Osprey* articles should now be submitted to: osprey@yustaga385.com**

The OA at Summer Camp: An "Ultimate" Time for All!

As the Summer Camp Chief, I, Chandler Young, wanted to offer more to the campers at STSR this summer. More fun, more excitement, more competitions than ever before! And it happened. I planned it and they came. The games were played at the COPE Course during the free time hours in the afternoons of each week of summer camp. The troops sent their best players and some troops even stepped up and loaned their best to other troops to keep the games going. The games of kickball became so exciting that the cheering of the troops could be heard from as far away as Henson Hall. The enthusiastic Troop from Hollywood FL, Troop 274, won the championship for the first week of summer camp. They played hard and loaned some of their players to Troop 409 to help 409 secure a 3rd place title. The powerful team from Troop 321 claimed 2nd place. The games of ultimate during the first week were played for fun and not for a championship. It was so hot and it was hard to get a lot of guys out there to play in the hot sun. A 16" kickball trophy was awarded to Troop 274 during the closing campfire.

During the 2nd week of camp Troop 30, from Crestview, took home top honors for both the Ultimate and Kickball OA Championship. The games played during this 2nd week were played hard and the Champions were well deserving of their OA 16" Kickball and OA Ultimate trophies.

On Wednesday evenings, after dinner, the OA sponsored the ever-popular slip 'n slide and bowls of ice cream for all of the campers, staff, and families that were at camp that night. Mr. Kolek had the lodge box open and several OA members were able to make purchases of flaps, patches, sashes and other OA items. Several brothers came out to camp just to help with the activities for the evening.

The OA was promoted like never before at summer camp this year. Every day a report of what was going on with the OA was given and the scouts at camp were given opportunities to meet with me and other OA members to ask questions about the OA.

I think this exposure to the OA will inspire younger scouts to learn more about the OA and possibly seek election in to our Lodge. Most of all, the scouts at Euchee this summer saw that Yustaga 385 is all about service to our camp and having fun.

I don't know about you, but I had a blast at the OA Games this summer!

Chandler Young

Applachee Chapter Chief

STSR Summer Camp Chief



Ryan Braddy
Immediate Past Lodge Chief

At the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the OA introduced its program of emphasis for the year 2008, ArrowCorps 5. It will bring together 5,000 Arrowmen from the across the country for five weeks of service at five project sites spread all across the country. Working closely together, the US Forestry Service and the OA have chosen the following project sites:

June 7-14, 2008 - Mark Twain National Forest (Missouri)

June 14-21, 2008 - Manti-La Sal National Forest (Utah)

June 21-28, 2008 - George Washington & Jefferson National Forests (Virginia)

July 12-19, 2008 - Shasta-Trinity National Forest (California)

July 26-August 2nd, 2008 - Bridger-Teton National Forest (Wyoming)

During their one week stay at each of these locations, Arrowmen will provide thousands of hours of much needed enhancements at each of the National Parks. In addition to providing cheerful service, each Arrowman will be able to participate in a full day of recreational activities. These activities differ from site to site and more details will be discussed at the Fall Pow Wow and in future editions of this newsletter. This program is similar to the three high adventure programs that the Order currently offers, and ArrowCorps 5 is for youth and adults. More information is expected to come out soon and it will be communicated to the lodge through e-mail, newsletters, and at lodge events. Be sure to come to the Fall Pow Wow for a special slide show presentation and more details about ArrowCorps 5.

Brotherhood Eligibility

Benny Banegas, Inductions Adviser

Dear 2006 Ordeal Members:

It is not too early to begin work on the requirements to seal your Membership in the Order through the Brotherhood Ceremony. You may do this as you continue to faithfully serve your fellowman and after you also complete the following requirements:

- Complete 10 months of service as an Ordeal member,
- Maintain your registered membership in Scouting,
- Maintain your registered membership in the Order of the Arrow,
- Memorize the Obligation, the OA Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of the Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp, and
- Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. (See “The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal” in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.)

It is important not only that you meet the above requirements but that feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary expressing your feelings. In your letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means,
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your Troop or Team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service, and
- Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the Lodge program.

When you write your letter to the Lodge Secretary, remember that you need to submit your Brotherhood Fee (\$15.00) to the Scout Office, or pay at a Lodge event. You may pay your Brotherhood fee anytime, but you will not be able to complete the Brotherhood ceremony until you have completed all Brotherhood requirements.

Your first opportunity will be at the Brotherhood Ceremony to be held at Camp Euchee, on Saturday, March 3, 2007, in the evening. If you are prepared now to make this important decision for yourself, we will welcome you at the Ceremony. Please let us know of your intention so we may prepare to receive you in the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow.

NOAC 2006—A First Person Perspective

NOAC '06 was advertised as being possibly the "Best NOAC Ever". For me it was. It was my first NOAC and I feel it was the best it could be. Of course, I broke my ankle the week before we left, so I experienced NOAC on crutches and in a cast. Despite all this I was able to have a great time at NOAC. This year the NOAC was held at Michigan State University. When you think of Michigan, you typically think of it as a place of cooler weather and possibly even snow. Well, it was anything but cooler than Florida. The temperatures were constantly high and there was NO A.C. at NOAC! The weather didn't stop the great training sessions, patch trading, shows, competitions, games and dancing. There was something for everyone to do at NOAC. As Nutiket of the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Team, I was able to compete and was thrilled when it was announced that our team won the National Honor Ceremony Team Award! The training at NOAC was conducted by Nationally Accredited Trainers and professionals in their expertise of training. I know a lot of our Yustaga Lodge members have come back from NOAC with valuable skills that they can share with their lodge, chapter, and unit. During every minute of every hour of every day at NOAC, every student union, hall, and any place you could sit down and plop out patches was filled with Arrowmen willing to trade for that elusive patch that caught their eye. I know that a lot of our members, and especially myself, got a lot of trading hours in. Every night, except Tuesday, at 8:00 the National Order of the Arrow Shows Committee put on fabulous, marvelous, outstanding, superb, all around excellent shows that were enjoyed by all Arrowmen. On Tuesday night we had the Grand Hodag. This is a great party filled with root beer, peanuts, cotton candy, moonwalks and giant air slides. I had a grand time at the Grand Hodag! At NOAC we stayed busy from morning until night. It was nonstop fun. On Thursday morning we packed our bags and departed from Michigan State University. NOAC 2009 will be held at Indiana State University and I know that I'll be there, despite any injuries. Will you?

Chandler Young

TENTATIVE FALL POW WOW SCHEDULE (and Make-up Ordeal)

(Final schedule to be handed out at check-in)

Event Rules and Information

Friday, September 15

5:00-7:00 pm Member Check-in (Henson Hall)
Silent Patch Auction begins
7:00-8:30 Candidate Check-in (Dining Hall)
9:00 Pre-Ordeal Ceremony (Creek Campsite)
9:30 Crackerbarrel (Dining Hall)
Youth-only Patch Auction (Dining Hall)
Who Wants to be the National Chief?
12:00 am Taps

Saturday, September 16

7:25 am Assembly & Colors (Dining Hall)
7:30 Breakfast (Dining Hall)
8:30 Brotherhood Training Begins (Dining Hall)
8:30-12:00 Training Sessions
12:15-1:00 pm Lunch (Dining Hall)
1:15 Lodge Business Meeting (Dining Hall)
Lodge and Chapter Elections (Dining Hall)
Adult Arrowmen Meeting (Dining Hall)
Youth Arrowmen Meeting (Whipple Circle)
3:30 Afternoon Events
3:30 Brotherhood Sign-Off (Dining Hall)
6:25 Assembly & Colors (Dining Hall)
6:30 Supper (Dining Hall)
7:15 Brotherhood candidates assemble (Trading Post)
7:15 Ordeal Ceremony (Ceremony Circle)
8:00 Brotherhood Ceremony (Ceremony Circle)
9:00 Show (Whipple Circle)
9:30 Crackerbarrel (Dining Hall)
New Member Welcome
High Adventure Videos
Silent Patch Auction Ends
Patch Auction
Who Wants to be the National Chief?
12:00 am Taps

Sunday, September 17

7:45 am Assembly (Dining Hall)
8:00 Breakfast (Dining Hall)
8:45 Scout's Own (Deere Chapel)
9:30 Break Camp - Have a safe trip home!
LEC meeting—Henson Hall

- Tobacco use of any sort is only allowed of adults when NOT in the view of any of the youth members or candidates.
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited.
- Patch trading is to only take place during specified times and NOT during any training, ceremonies, or other event.
- If you are leaving camp for any reason you must sign-out and then back in on the sheet in Henson Hall. This is for your safety.
- There will be a make-up Ordeal being held in the Jambo side of camp and there is no reason for anyone else to be on that side of camp.
- The uniform for the weekend will be the BSA Field Uniform (Class A) at supper, at all ceremonies, elections, and the religious service. Class B's may be worn during Saturday's activities and training sessions.

Chapter Duties

Kitchen Techakin

Colors and Grace Choctaw

Dining Hall Oschambos/Panzacola

Religious Service Appalachee

Ceremonies Fires Choctaw

See the program, to be distributed at check-in, or the board at Henson Hall for campsite assignments.

Everyone must be in their assigned campsites after taps each night!

Chiefly Speaking

Ben Marshall, Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,

As many of you know the lodge went to NOAC this summer. This was my first NOAC and so I didn't know what to expect. I had a great time and learned a lot about our order. I got to see firsthand what kind of people are in the OA around the United States. I met Arrowmen from lodges of fewer than two hundred members, and I also met Arrowmen from lodges of over two thousand. I got to meet our National and Regional chiefs as well as Brad Haddock, the Chairman of the Board of the Order of the Arrow. I got to see different styles of Native American dancing from all over the nation. I don't know of any other organization besides the Boy Scouts that can host a conference with over eight thousand in attendance. I also have never seen eight thousand Arrowmen dance to the YMCA and the Macarena at once. I have never been more eager to go to Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage than after I saw the videos national showed us. I am also excited about Arrow-Corps 5; something for those of you who couldn't go will learn about at Pow Wow. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be lodge chief and I will never forget the lessons I have learned and the friends I have made in the OA. I never realized until now what an awesome organization the Order of the Arrow is. I hope that you will come to see the OA and Yustaga lodge as I do. Thanks once again for letting me serve, and I hope to see you all at Pow Wow September 15-17.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ben Marshall

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LODGE!

As you should be aware, lodge and chapter elections are coming up at the Fall Pow Wow. Just because you don't hold a lodge or chapter office doesn't mean you shouldn't get involved in the lodge! Our lodge has numerous committees that work on specific tasks required to run the lodge. There are committees for ceremonies, historical/awards, service, unit service, inductions, website, camp promotions, and the list goes on! Each of these lodge committees has a youth (under the age of 21) chairman and an adult adviser. All committee chairmen are appointed by the Lodge Chief and committee advisers are appointed by the lodge adviser.

In addition, all committees need members – that's you - Arrowmen - to help them accomplish their tasks. Whether you'd like to chair a committee or simply serve on one, we need you to give *cheerful service* to the lodge!

When you check in for the Fall Pow Wow, we are going to ask you to complete a brief interest/survey form that tells us some of the areas you might be interested in helping us with. Once the lodge elections have taken place, our new lodge chief will be appointing the committee chairmen for the coming year. He's going to need to know who is ready and willing to serve!

If you have any questions about how you can get involved, please talk to an adult adviser or lodge/chapter officer.

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Lodge Adviser's Column ***“Around the Campfire”***

Jim Matson, Lodge Adviser

Dear Brothers,

It has been a very busy and active year for Yustaga Lodge! In May, we held the annual Lodge Ordeal, where we welcomed 89 new members into our Order. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer; for me, and for many of us, it was a short one! In July, we had approximately 35 Arrowmen join us for our Summer Social, which was a canoe trip down the Blackwater River. Once we finally figured out where the put-in point was, we had a wonderful time! Earlier this month, 37 delegates and 4 staff members from our lodge returned from NOAC at Michigan State University.

Fall is just around the corner and school has already started back. It seems like we can now say this for each and every month out of the year, but this sure is a busy time of year!

Let's get psyched up for a great Fall Pow Wow. If you just joined our Order, you really need to attend this event so you can experience the fun and fellowship aspects of the OA. As you will see in *The Osprey*, there are lots of opportunities for training, fellowship, and fun. Also at the Pow Wow, we will be electing new lodge and chapter officers who will lead the lodge for the coming year, so your attendance is important!

I encourage you to sign up for the Fall Pow Wow, and to also contact a fellow Arrowman; maybe someone in your troop, or someone who has not been as active as they could, and encourage them to sign up as well!

OA Troop Representatives - let's get the word out! See you at the Pow Wow!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Jim Matson



LODGE BUSINESS MEETING

During the Fall Pow Wow weekend, on Saturday afternoon immediately following lunch, all Arrowmen will attend the annual lodge business meeting. At this meeting, in addition to conducting our annual lodge and chapter elections, we will review and vote on proposed changes to our Lodge By-Laws which have been sent to all members of the Lodge Executive Committee. A copy of these proposed changes will be available at check-in. All Arrowmen under the age of 21 will have a vote at the business meeting.

Jim Matson, Lodge Adviser

ARROWMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION

Each year, Yustaga Lodge presents awards at the annual Lodge Banquet to the youth and adult Arrowman of the year. This award, which is a lodge level award, honors the youth and adult Arrowman who have shown outstanding service and dedication to the lodge and chapter during the past year.

Following the business meeting and lodge and chapter elections at the Fall Pow Wow, the youth members of the lodge will meet to discuss and select the Adult Arrowman of the Year, while the adult members of the lodge will meet to discuss and select the Youth Arrowman of the Year.

Between now and the Pow Wow, be thinking about those arrowmen whom you feel may be worthy candidates for Arrowman of the Year. At the meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to verbally make their nominations for Arrowman of the Year and address the group prior to the voting process.

Jim Matson, Lodge Adviser

THE FOUNDER'S AWARD



Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson. The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson, with wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. Also available is a special Founder's Award arrow ribbon, with a gold colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Yustaga Lodge presents the Founder's Award annually at the Lodge Banquet. If you would like to nominate an Arrowman for this award, please do so by sending a brief description of how that person meets the criteria as described above. Nominations should be submitted to Jim Matson, Lodge Adviser, at the Fall Pow Wow, or via e-mail. A Founder's Award Selection Committee will be formed to choose honorees for the Founder's Award. Based on the membership of our lodge, we can present a maximum of two awards annually. Please note that national policy requires that if more than one award is presented, one of the awards must be presented to a youth member (under the age of 21.)

The following members (past and present) of Yustaga Lodge have received the Founder's Award:

Benny Banegas (2005)	Dan Behr (1997)	Ryan Braddy (2005)	Scott Broughton (1987)
Wally Brown (1999)	Herman Davies (1993)	Jon Davies (1995)	Terry Ezell (1998)
Dick Gregory (1985)	Monty Haight (2002)	Leon Hartley (1994)	Wade Hartley (1989)
Frank Henry (2004)	Jim Henry (1998)	Steven Henry (2001)	Steve Kolek (2001)
Clyde "Spec" Lovell (1983)	Jim Matson (1992)	Bret Moore (1993)	Robbie Newton (2001)
Kit Outlaw (1985)	Farris Powell (1996)	Todd Powell (1996)	Harry Read (1997)
Keith Reyher (2002)	Gary Rickman (1992)	Bill Robinson (1986)	Mike Rushing (1994)
Frank Russell (1987)	Paul Shea (1999)	Ted Spangenberg, Sr. (1985)	Doug Watson (2003)
Andy Weber (2001)	Cory Wilkinson (1986)		

Lodge Registration Form

Totals

2007 Dues Payment	\$7.00	_____
2006 Fall Pow Wow Early Bird Special (MUST BE RECEIVED in the Scout Office before September 11 2006)	\$13.00	_____
2006 Fall Pow Wow (after September 11, 2006)	\$18.00	_____
Extra Fall Pow Wow patches	\$3.00 each	_____
Brotherhood Conversion Fee	\$15.00	_____
2007 Conclave deposit	\$15.00	_____

Name: _____ **Total Enclosed** _____

Address: _____ **Telephone#** () _____ - _____

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Email _____ Youth / Adult

Address: _____

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

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Yustaga Lodge Fall Pow Wow, September 15-17, 2006

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