

# The Osprey



April-May 2008

Yustaga Lodge 385, Order of the Arrow

Gulf Coast Council #773

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## Spring Fellowship

May 2-3-4 • CAMP EUCHEE

Brothers... GREAT NEWS, its Spring time. That means fun, parties, beaches, girls and... SPRING FELLOWSHIP! Now for the new members I'll break this down for you. Spring Fellowship is a time where all of the members in the lodge come together and have a giant get together! We laugh! We sing! We cry!?! Okay maybe not cry but you get the point.

What can you do at the Spring Fellowship? Well... where should we start?

- **BROTHERHOOD TRAINING & CEREMONY**
- **PATCH TRADING**
- **FELLOWSHIP**
- **Dodge Ball & Crazy Chapter vs. Chapter throw downs!!**
- **Make up Ordeal**
- **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration continues!**

*For a complete schedule of events, go to the lodge website ([www.yustaga385.com](http://www.yustaga385.com)) and click on the Spring Fellowship link.*

## Make Up Ordeal

In conjunction with the Spring Fellowship, to be held May 2-4, the lodge will be conducting a make-up Ordeal weekend, providing an opportunity for those candidates who were unable to attend the Ordeal in March to complete their Ordeal and become members of the Order of the Arrow and Yustaga Lodge. The lodge has sent letters to all those candidates who were elected and who did not attend the March Ordeal, inviting them to attend the make-up Ordeal. During the Spring Fellowship, please be mindful that there will be a make-up Ordeal occurring. When you are around candidates, be sure to respect the candidates as they are being asked to uphold the tests of the Ordeal.

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## Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

I would like to welcome all of our new members to our Lodge. Ordeal was the first step of your journey in the Order of the Arrow. Lucky for all of you new members, the next event on the calendar is Conclave. At this event, we will be training, playing various games with the other lodges in our section and gaining friends all over the section. I encourage everyone to get excited for this event and support our lodge in the events. If you are unable to attend this year, do not worry, for next year we will be hosting said event. Only a year away and we have a lot of work to do until then.

I encourage all new members to get involved with the lodge. We have a great program but it needs the help of the youth to work properly. Please talk to your chapter chiefs and get information about what the committees do and how you can help. I will see you at Conclave and Spring Fellowship.

In Cheerful Service,  
Brad Brock  
Lodge Chief

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## Around the Campfire

Dear Brothers,

2008 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the lodge. In March, we held our Ordeal weekend, where we inducted 113 new members into our Order. On top of that, 28 arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow by converting to Brotherhood membership. With a make-up Ordeal weekend opportunity scheduled later in the year, we have the potential of inducting an additional 56 candidates into our Order.

Coming up in April, we will attend the annual Section Conclave, which will be held this year at Camp Patten near Valdosta, Georgia. This will be an excellent opportunity for the members of our lodge to meet Arrowmen from the other lodges in our section, compete against fellow Arrowmen, attend training sessions, and have an all around good time.

Finally, I want to extend a very special welcome to the newly inducted arrowmen who joined our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service in March. The Order of the Arrow is designed to enhance your Scouting experience with opportunities for service to your council, your unit, and your community. I strongly encourage you to make the most of the opportunities available to you, and to use the knowledge and experience you will gain to improve your troop and your own personal Scouting skills.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming events!

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Jim Matson  
Lodge Adviser

## Choctaw Chapter

Choctaw Chapter has done a lot lately. For this Ordeal we had 27 members who completed their Ordeal this weekend (24 youth and 3 adults). We had 3 clans with the help of Nick Giordano, Stephen Frame, and Johnny Snell. For the brotherhood ceremony we had 10 members seal their membership (8 youth and 2 adults). I'm the new Chief! Call me ABC or AbuBakr Cristobal. At our District Camporee we had 10 arrowmen help out, and George built an **EPIC** fire. Our district Webelos crossover is coming up during Scout-O-Rama which our ceremony team is heading up. Our next meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

WWW,  
"ABC"  
Choctaw Chapter Chief

## 60 years of tradition and service

June '64:

Sensible Syllables: Little chips  
kindle the fire, great logs sustain it.

June '66:

"It should be IMPOSSIBLE for me to go out of my way to do something for someone, because I should have been HEADED in that DIRECTION all the time." - taken from OOOYUMBUL1 Lodge 468 newspaper

## Appalachee Chapter

The Appalachee Chapter has received 16 new Ordeal members into our Brotherhood. We have high hopes that all of our new members will become Brotherhood members. Our Chapter has also been very busy with the Arrow of Light ceremonies for our cub packs in the area. Over 50% of our Chapter showed up for the Ordeal at which we had a great time! We are making a cool Appalachee Chapter patch.

WWW,  
Graham Parsons  
Appalachee Chapter Chief

## Ceremonies Committee Announcement

Brothers,

We need people to be in ceremonies ranging from Guides to full on speaking parts (principals)! E-mail or call Will Yanni:

Email:

will\_yanni007@hotmail.com

Call:

850-581-0572

## Woapalanne Chapter

Woapalanne Chapter had more than 60 new Arrowmen inducted into our chapter, giving us a grand total of about 300 members. At our most recent meeting, we discussed our chapter totem, a fox, and how we would depict it on our shirts. Next meeting we will take drawings and vote on which we will use. We are discussing the possibilities of forming our own chapter ceremony team. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2008, and we hope that we can maximize attendance.

WWW,  
Roy Hornsby  
Woapalanne Chapter Chief

## Vigil Committee Announcement

Brothers,

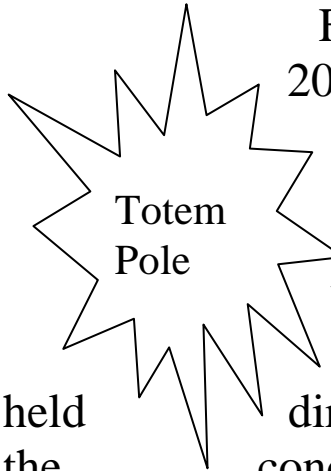
Turn in your Vigil applications; give them to either Mr. Kolek or Will Yanni at Spring Fellowship. The application can be found at

[www.yustaga385.com](http://www.yustaga385.com)

Section Conclave  
April 18-19-20, 2008



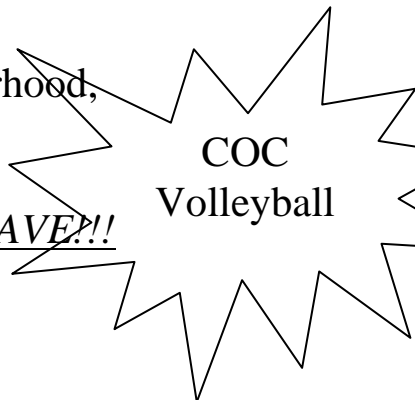
Brothers,



First off, I would personally like to invite you to the 2008 SR-4N conclave that will be hosted by Alapaha Lodge in Georgia. As conclave swiftly approaches, I want to let you know about all of the new and exciting things happening this year. The biggest event, that I believe, which has been added is the youth vs adult COC volleyball game. The volleyball game will be held directly before quest and it will serve as a way to bring the conclave participants together. There will also be simple, but fun games Friday afternoon for lodges that check-in early. **For the adults:** We will be hosting the first ever adult chili cook-off competition. All you need to do is bring a Dutch oven, charcoal, and your chili ingredients and we will battle it out to see whose is best. Secondly, for the intense adults, we have added adult DODGEBALL (it promises to be a funny sight.)

If you have any other questions or for more details, check out the section website, [www.sr4n.org](http://www.sr4n.org), and click on the COC button. There is also more information about the new totem pole carving competition and the vigil reception. If you can't get your questions answered there, please email me at [man867@bellsouth.net](mailto:man867@bellsouth.net).

Yours in Brotherhood,  
*Mark Norris*  
SR-4N Chief  
*I LOVE CONCLAVE!!!*



## 2008 Gulf Coast Council Day Camps

The Gulf Coast Council is conducting Cub Scout Day Camps in each district and is looking for arrowmen who are willing to volunteer their time and provide service to the Cub Scouting program. Arrowmen are strongly encouraged to give service to Scouting by volunteering at these Cub Scout Day Camps, which will be held in June at the locations specified below. These Cub Scouts are our little brothers and are the future of the Boy Scouts of America. Please contact the individual Day Camp directors as shown if you can volunteer to help out.

### **Okaloosa County**

Camp Robbins, Eglin AFB, June 16-20 – Laurie Bell, (850) 651-6037, [dlbell1@cox.net](mailto:dlbell1@cox.net)

Holt First Baptist Church, Holt, June 23-27 – April Way, (850) 603-0568, [aprilway@mchsi.com](mailto:aprilway@mchsi.com)

### **Escambia County**

St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bellview, June 2-6 – Jennie Sullivan, (850) 456-1891, [sullycola@cox.net](mailto:sullycola@cox.net)

Woodham Middle School, Pensacola, June 9-13 – Kate Johnson, (850) 475-0865, [kate\\_kmkf@cox.net](mailto:kate_kmkf@cox.net)

### **Bay County**

Lynn Haven Athletic Complex, June 9-13 – Shandi Payne, (850) 896-9195, [paynesb@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:paynesb@bay.k12.fl.us)

### **Santa Rosa County**

June 9-13, location and more information to come. If interested in volunteering at this day camp, please contact Jim Boksa, [jboksa@bsamail.org](mailto:jboksa@bsamail.org).

WWW,  
Yours in Scouting,  
*Joshua Tracy*  
Joshua Tracy  
Cub Scout Relations

### **Family Camp Opportunities-Arrowmen Staff Members needed!**

The Gulf Coast Council Family Camp staff is encouraging Arrowmen to come out to Camp Euchee and help staff the Family Camp weekends. We need as many arrowmen as possible, and you will be fed! Dates for family camps are: April 11-13, April 18-20 (same weekend as Conclave), April 25-27, and May 9-11. For more details, or to volunteer, contact Jim Boksa, Council Program Director. He can be reached via e-mail at [jboksa@bsamail.org](mailto:jboksa@bsamail.org) or at the Council Office, (850) 476-6336.

### **Summer Social July 11-13**

The Lodge Executive Committee has set the date for the annual Yustaga Lodge Summer Social. It will be held the weekend of July 11-13. The intention is to make the event a full weekend activity. If you have any ideas for location and/or program for the summer social, please talk to your chapter chief or any lodge committee chairman or officer. The summer social location and program will be voted on by the LEC at the Spring Fellowship in May.



## Service Corps letter “Thank you Brothers”

Brothers,

We want to thank all of you for a great and successful Ordeal! This was all possible because of your group effort.

I want to thank all the adult clan advisors for all your help. I believe that because of your presence at the projects and assisting the elangomats made the BIG DIFFERENCE for this Ordeal.

We will be having a make-up Ordeal at the Spring Fellowship in May and I hope we can count on your help again.

AGAIN, A BIG THANKS TO ALL\*\*\*A JOB WELL DONE!!!\*\*\*

George Decoste, Chairman (Choctaw)

Nolan Ciampini, Co-Chairman (Woapalanne)

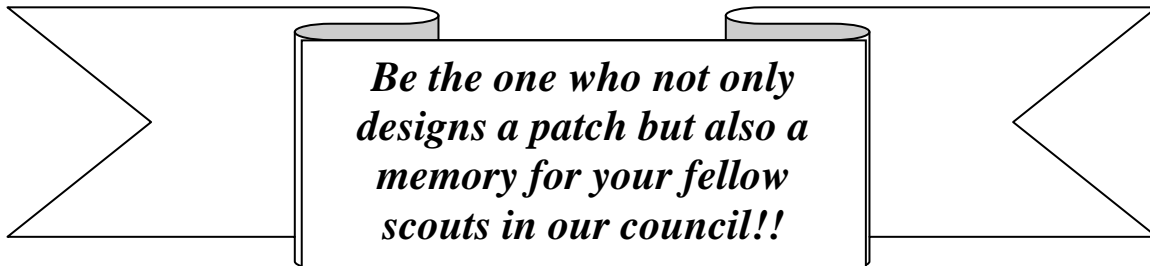
Jerry Gudinas, Adviser (Woapalanne)

Jon Coleman, Co-Adviser (Appalachee)

Steve Dickson, Co-Adviser (Woapalanne)

## 2008 Council Wide Camporee update

November 7-9, 2008 Yustaga Lodge will be hosting a council wide Camporee at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation (Camp Euchee). In doing this we need help in coming up with a patch design and theme for the camporee. The winner of the contest will receive a free set of memorabilia. All submissions are due by the Friday night of Spring Fellowship. Please submit your theme/design to either Steven Henry or Chandler Young!



## 2009 *first ever* Section 1B Conclave - hosted by Yustaga Lodge!

In 2009 Yustaga has been given the chance to accomplish the awesome task of hosting our Section's first Conclave. First and foremost, everyone should get excited because this event gives the lodge an opportunity to work on our camp and come together as a lodge. If you are interested in helping on a conclave committee, go to the lodge's website, [www.yustaga385.com](http://www.yustaga385.com), and fill out a committee sign up form. Conclave committees range from the Publications committee (in charge of spreading the word about Conclave around the Lodge and section) all the ways to the Shows committee (in charge of conducting shows worthy of Broadway itself!)

It's important that everyone helps out because hosting a Conclave is a huge undertaking! Also, part of our lodge's duty in hosting a Conclave is providing a patch design and a Conclave theme! Anyone interested in the coming up with a design and theme should have them ready and turned in by the Spring Fellowship to either Will Yanni or Steven Henry.

Hosting a Conclave provides our lodge an opportunity to show what we are made of. Yustaga Lodge has always been known to host the most AMAZING and SPECTACULAR Conclaves EVER!! \*\*\*NOW IS THE TIME TO GO OUT THERE AND PROVE IT TRUE ALL OVER AGAIN\*\*\*

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- ✓ Work Days: - Nov. 22, 2008  
- Jan. 17, 2009  
- Mar. 7, 2009  
- Apr. 4, 2009

✓ **Conclave: April 17-19, 2009**

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## 2008 Section SR-4N Conclave Directions to Camp Patten

### GPS Coordinates

N 31° 01.245

W 083° 03.061

From Tallahassee, go north on US 319 until it intersects Highway 84 at Thomasville. Take Highway 84 East to Valdosta. After you go under the interstate (I-75), travel approximately 13 miles to Highway 139 North at Naylor; turn left on Highway 139. Travel 7 miles to Burnt Church Road. Turn right on Burnt Church Road and travel one mile to Camp Patten.

## Summer Camp Workday

Brothers,

The Service Corps finished out an excellent ordeal with all of our projects completed. I would now like to turn your attention to the following months. On June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual “summer camp workday.” Members of the OA are needed to assist the staff in setting up tents and outriggers for the upcoming summer camp season. We will meet at the trading post of STSR at 7:30am on Saturday June 7, 2008. Lunch for that day will be provided and we are expected to be done by 3pm. Arrowmen are encouraged to bring a set of work gloves.

WWW,  
George DeCoste III  
Service Corps Chairman

### Historical/Awards Committee

Brothers,

60 years and going strong! Yustaga Lodge began in 1948 and has been promoting brotherhood and service ever since. Are you a part of that history? The Historical and Awards Committee is seeking material to supplement the Lodge’s scrapbooks. Do you have photos, movies, written memories, or souvenirs from former Chapter, Lodge, and other OA events that you could donate or at least provide us copies?

If so, please contact me and I add your part to the Lodge history!

Darryl Huddleston  
Historical and Awards Advisor  
darrylhuddleston@yahoo.com

### High Adventure Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Nathan Kern, Woapalanne Chapter, and Will Yanni, Choctaw Chapter. Nathan and Will are the recipients of the 2008 Yustaga Lodge High Adventure Scholarships. The scholarship will cover the cost of the program fee for one of the National OA High Adventure programs (Philmont Trail Crew, Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage, or Sea Base Ocean Adventure.) We look forward to hearing all about Nathan and Will’s experiences after they participate in their program this summer!

## 2008 Conclave Travel Plans/Lodge Rendezvous Plans

Yustaga Lodge will be attending the SR-4N Conclave, April 18-20, at Camp Patten near Valdosta, Georgia. At the LEC meeting following the Ordeal, it was decided that the lodge contingent will rendezvous at the camp at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 18. Remember that the camp is in the Eastern time zone, so we will lose an hour as we travel to Conclave. Travel to Conclave is being arranged by chapters, so please contact your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser for details. Remember that travel to Conclave is going to require that we depart during the day (early to mid morning) on Friday, April 18, which means Arrowmen will need to make appropriate arrangements to miss that day of school.



## Order of the Arrow Section News

We received notification from the Southern Region on March 14, 2008, that many of the areas (and their corresponding Order of the Arrow sections) will be realigned effective June 1, 2008. The region has made these changes in order to improve their service to the councils. These changes will result in Yustaga Lodge being in a new section consisting of some different lodges as well as some of the lodges we have been with in the past.

As of June 1, the Gulf Coast Council will be part of the new Area 1, which will consist of 12 councils, based in the following cities in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana: Pensacola, Dothan, Mobile, Columbus, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Jackson, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Lafayette, and Lake Charles.

This new area will be divided into 2 Order of the Arrow sections, which will divide the area into an east and west division. Yustaga will be part of the new Section 1B, or the Eastern portion of the section. The lodges in our new section will be Yustaga (Pensacola), Woa Cholena (Mobile), Cowikee (Dothan), Ti'ak (Hattiesburg), Watonala (Columbus), and Ashwanchi Kinta (Meridian). Section 1A will consist of the other six lodges in our area.

The 2008 Conclaves will occur as scheduled and will involve the lodges in the existing sections. At the Conclave, elections for section officers will occur as originally scheduled. After the 2008 Conclaves, the new sections will come into being. The newly elected section officers will move to their new sections, based upon where their home councils are located. This could result in some instances where a new section will have more than one person serving as an officer. If this happens, the new sections will operate with multiple officers for the year, until the 2009 Conclave. Vacancies in section officer positions will be filled at special Council of Chiefs meetings to be scheduled as needed.

The big question for Yustaga Lodge is whether or not we will still be in line to host the 2009 Conclave. Once the new section is formed, a new Conclave rotation schedule will be established that will take into account our new lodges and when they last hosted a Conclave. Right now, we are moving forward with plans to host the 2009 Conclave. Until we hear otherwise, we are operating under the assumption that we will indeed be hosting Conclave next year.

This change in section alignment provides us with opportunities to meet new Arrowmen from new areas, travel to new locations for Section Conclaves, and to form new bonds of Brotherhood.

As we receive more information about our new section and the scheduling of next year's Conclave, we will keep you informed. If there are any questions, feel free to contact Jim Matson, Lodge Adviser, or Wade Hartley, Associate Section Adviser.

# Lodge Registration Form

		Quantity	Totals
2009 Dues (until November 30)	\$7.00	_____	_____
Spring Fellowship Early Registration [Must be received in the Scout office by 4/25/08]	\$15.00	_____	_____
Fellowship Late Registration [Received on or after 4/28/2008]	\$20.00	_____	_____
Pay-at-the-Door Registration	\$25.00	_____	_____
Extra Fellowship patches	\$3.00	_____	_____
Brotherhood Conversion Fee	\$18.00	_____	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail to the Scout Office (Address Below)

**Please use a separate form for each Lodge Member. Do NOT use for reactivation.**

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## SIGN UP FOR THE Spring Fellowship TODAY!!!