

The Osprey



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Yustaga Lodge 385, Order of the Arrow

Gulf Coast Council #773

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Fall Pow Wow September 19-20-21 • CAMP EUCHEE

Brothers... the summer is over but not the FUN!! Pow Wow is the greatest experience you can experience out of any event. Vote for your officers, run for office yourself, play games, fellowship, friends and a few other options. But you have to come to experience it...

What can you do at the Fall Pow Wow? Well... where should we start?

- **BROTHERHOOD TRAINING & CEREMONY**
 - **PATCH TRADING**
 - **FELLOWSHIP**
 - **OFFICE ELECTIONS**
 - **TRAINING**
 - **VIGIL CALL OUT**
- **60th Anniversary Celebration continues!**

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Brothers, our Lodge now offers a great program of registering for events on online. All you have to do is go to the event registration link on the website and fill out your information and that's it. WOW... IT REALLY IS THAT SIMPLE! CRAZY!! ;)

Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

I don't know about all of you, but with working summer camp and attending two sites of ArrowCorps5 has really gotten me excited about being a member in the OA and I hope you share this excitement. With Fall Pow Wow, the Council Camporee, and us hosting Conclave just around the corner, I urge all arrowmen to come, join in the fellowship and help us put on the greatest conclave ever! With chapter and lodge elections being at the Fall Pow Wow, now is a great time to really get involved and have some great experiences.

Arrowcorps5 was a great experience for all of those who were able to go. Spending close to a month's time out in some of the most beautiful country I have ever seen giving service was more rewarding than I can even explain. I am looking forward to seeing what our lodge is capable of over the next year or so and I urge all of you to keep that cheerful spirit in your hearts and provide service when possible. I hope you all had great summer and I look forward to swapping stories of crazy summer adventures.

In Cheerful Service,
Brad Brock
Lodge Chief

Around the Campfire

Dear Brothers,

Wow... what a summer it has been! I hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer break. Scouting and the Order of the Arrow was alive and well this summer, as we had many activities to keep the interest of Scouts and Scouters of all ages. Thanks again to everyone who came out to Spanish Trail Scout Reservation in June to assist with the summer camp setup. There was a great turnout from our lodge, and the summer camp staff was extremely appreciative of all the hard work that was accomplished. It was also great to see many of our Arrowmen serving on the staff for summer camp. What a way to promote Scout camping - by serving on camp staff! In order to beat the summer heat, we also had a great tubing trip on the Ichetucknee River for our annual Summer Social event. A big thank you to all the adults who helped ensure that this event was a success, and to everyone who participated and had a great time.

Later in the summer, several members of our lodge, participated as contingent members and on staff for an amazing undertaking, ArrowCorps 5. This amazing service project involved 5 national forest/park sites, each with roughly 1,000 arrowmen providing service and taking advantage of recreation activities. It was a wonderful experience, and the Order of the Arrow and the National Forest Service. You can see highlights from this awesome project, which was an overwhelming success, at the national OA website, <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the upcoming Fall Pow Wow, which you can read more about in this issue of the Osprey. Among other things at the Fall Pow Wow, we will have our annual lodge and chapter officer elections on Saturday afternoon after lunch. Be sure to come out and represent your unit, your chapter, and your lodge as we gear up for another fun and exciting event.

Finally, don't forget that our lodge will be hosting a council-wide Camporee at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation in November as well as hosting the first ever SR-1B Conclave in April. There's plenty of opportunities for brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Get involved!

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Jim Matson
Lodge Adviser

Choctaw Chapter

Hey all!

Choctaw Chapter has been working really hard since the Spring Fellowship earlier this year. As you know, this is the 60th anniversary of our lodge. We are currently planning the Lodge Banquet and will have a surprise special guest showing up, not to mention our LEGENDARY cooking skills. Our next chapter meeting will be on Thursday, September 11. Hope to see all Choctaw members there.

---ABC, Chapter Chief

Appalachee Chapter

Greetings Brothers!

As the excitement builds and we prepare for the Fall Pow Wow, we want to let you know what a busy summer your fellow Arrowmen from the Appalachee Chapter have had.

We started off we Cub Scout day camp where 6 members of our Chapter served on staff for the entire week...Talk about fun! Those little campers had a GREAT week and we were glad to be part of the fun!

While we had a good showing at the Summer Social, we also had a group of 11 Arrowmen help in the 1st Annual Lake Sands District Aquanaut Day at Frank Brown Park on Panama City Beach. This was an opportunity for Webelos Scouts to earn their Aquanaut Activity Badge. Mr. Parsons and Mr. Pfeiffer served as the lifeguards and water directors while the other members assisted on land and in the water. We had 40 Webelos earn this award...it was awesome!

We also had members going to ArrowCorps5, a large contingent at the Yustaga OA Workday to set up Summer Camp at STSR, and members attending ArrowCorps5. We also have several members attend Philmont and the Florida Sea Base!

Our Chapter is also in the process of starting a drum, dance, and ceremony team. We would like to challenge all the other Chapters to do the same so we can have some fun competition within the Lodge!

As you can tell, we have had a really busy summer but we are excited about all the things that we have coming up on the calendar as well!

We look forward to seeing you and swapping stories around the campfire with you at the Fall Pow Wow!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Graham Parsons, Chapter Chief

Inductions Committee Chairman opening

Yustaga Lodge Inductions Committee is looking for a mature, well spoken and dedicated Youth Arrowman to fill the position of Chairman for the Inductions Committee. This is a great opportunity for a Youth member, preferably a Brotherhood member, to take on the responsibilities of Chairman. The role of a Chairman is to support the Ordeal members in meeting the challenges of Brotherhood membership. This means to make the challenges of Brotherhood membership as meaningful and significant as possible. You will serve as a role model for Ordeal members, encouraging them to memorize their Obligation, to seek ways to fulfill it, to review their Ordeal, to understand the meaning of the ceremonies, and to be fully prepared to gain maximum value from the Brotherhood Ceremony. If you're interested, please contact Benny Banegas at (850) 585-2850 or (850) 897-7791. My e-mail address is RBanegas@aol.com

Yours in the Spirit,

Benny Banegas

Yustaga Lodge Inductions Committee
Adviser

Ceremonies Committee Announcement

Brothers,

We need arrowmen to volunteer for ceremonies; participants are needed to serve as guides as well as principals (main characters) with speaking parts!

Contact Will Yanni:
will_yanni007@hotmail.com

Vigil Committee

Vigil callout is at this Pow Wow. Come one, come all, to honor your fellow members who have been nominated for this high honor.

Yustaga Lodge 385 Order of the Arrow
 September 19-21, 2008
 Spanish Trail Scout Reservation's Camp Euchee
 All times and Locations Subject to change

2008 FALL POW WOW SCHEDULE

Friday

6:00-8:00 pm	Member Check-in	(Henson Hall)
9:00-11:00	Lodge Gathering	(Flag Poles)
	Cracker-barrel	(Dining Hall)
	-Movies, Games, Patch Trading	
12:00	Taps	

Saturday

8:15	Assembly & Colors	(Dining Hall)
8:30-9:00	Breakfast	(Dining Hall)
9:00	Brotherhood Training Begins	(Dining Hall)
9:00-9:15	Committee Session 1	(TBA)
9:15-9:30	Committee Session 2	(TBA)
9:30-9:45	Committee Session 3	(TBA)
9:45-10:00	Committee Session 4	(TBA)
10:00-10:50	Training Session 1	(TBA)
11:00-11:50	Training Session 2	(TBA)
12:15-1:00	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 & Competitions	
	Dodge ball	
	Ultimate Frisbee	
	Volleyball	
3:30	Brotherhood Sign-Off	(Dining Hall)
6:00	Assembly & Colors	(Dining Hall)
6:15-7:00	Dinner	
7:00	Brotherhood candidates assemble	(Trading Post)
7:30	Brotherhood Ceremony	(Ceremony Circle)
8:30	Show	(Whipple Circle)
9:15	Cracker-barrel	(Dining Hall)
	-Movie, board games, etc.	
12:00am	Taps	

Sunday

7:30am	Assembly	(Dining Hall)
7:35	Breakfast	(Dining Hall)
8:15	Scout's Own	(Deere Chapel)
8:45	Break Camp/Check Out - Have a safe trip home!	
	Everyone must check out before they leave camp in Henson Hall	
9:30	LEC Meeting	(Henson Hall)

Lodge Officer Candidate Bios

Hey everybody, I'm Chandler Young your current Lodge Vice-Chief of Training. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 344 in Vernon, Florida. I have been in our Lodge for about three and a half years now. At my first Lodge event in 2005 I was elected as the Appalachian Chapter Chief and held that position for two years, I also joined the Ceremonies Team at this event. During those two years, attendance at Lodge events and at chapter events was tripled by Appalachian Chapter. After serving two terms as chapter chief I decided to move on and try to run for a Lodge position. I was elected Lodge Vice-Chief at the Fall Pow Wow in 2007, and was responsible for all the training at every Lodge event. I organized the Lodge Leadership Development at Camp Timpoochee last October, and in January put together the Annual Lodge Green Bar where we offered about 25 merit badges for the Scouts in the Council. I've attended many national and section events and learned what it meant to be and how to be a leader. In 2006, I attended the section Conclave, NOAC, NLS and went through our Lodge Leadership development weekend. In 2007 I had the opportunity to attend the National Leadership and Conservation Summit in Indiana. At the 2007 Conclave I taught the Beginning and Advanced Ceremonies class. I also attended Philmont in 2007, which was absolutely amazing. In 2008 I was asked by the Section Chief to be the Conclave Ceremonies Vice-Chief for the 2008 Conclave in Georgia. This required me to plan and organize everything necessary for the section to compete in ceremonies at Conclave. I was chosen to be the chairman for the Council-Wide Camporee that will be held in November and with the help of a great committee this is shaping up to be an amazing event. I'm hoping to be elected as a Lodge Officer at the upcoming Lodge Pow Wow so I can continue to serve our Lodge. So far I've had a fun three years in the lodge and hope to be in for many, many more. Maybe one day I'll be one of the older folks in the Lodge that just sits around and trades patches all weekend!

Thanks,

Chandler Young

Brothers: Just because your name is not here doesn't mean you can't run for Lodge office. There are no requirements to run except that you are nominated by your Brothers. Running for a lodge position shouldn't be intimidating but instead a healthy experience for you to learn how our lodge really runs.

Also, if you don't want to run for a lodge officer position you can still be part of the LEC by running for chapter chief or applying for one the many committee chairman positions that will be available.

Brothers, my name is Sam Ammons, and I am running for Lodge Chief. I could waste your time by telling you of my experience in leadership, the training I have, and all the rewards I have, but that is not what is important. The most important aspect is the fact that I am going to implement all of the knowledge that I have accumulated through the years. I want to lead the lodge to newer heights with lodge events full of fun, fellowship, and creative new ideas. I will raise the bar by challenging the lodge to higher standards of training, and new beneficial programs. I will listen intently and take in all ideas from everyone in the lodge, but most importantly, I have a vision. My vision will make our lodge the best it has ever been. When I was a new arrowman entering the lodge, I saw how well-spoken the lodge chief was, and all the things he did. That's when I said, "I want to be him." Now, I am running for that position. So, I ask you to help me by giving me your vote. I promise that it will be one of the best decisions of your life. Thank you.

Yours in Service,

Sam Ammons

Brothers, My name is Zach Kuhl and I am running for Lodge Chief for this next upcoming term. I am currently the Lodge secretary and publisher of the Osprey. I've been to NLS, and JLT as my leadership training experiences but my experiences shouldn't be the only reason to choose me as your Lodge Chief. A lodge chief should be someone who will listen to everyone and be a neutral figure when it comes to Lodge affairs and look to the lodge's best interests. I think that I could be your Lodge Chief because I am considerate and always ready to help out and do everything in my power to help out a friend or brother.

Thanks,

Zach Kuhl

Summer and Committee updates

ArrowCorps⁵

This summer, while you were sitting on your couch, watching TV, playing video games, and eating your PB and J sandwich, the Yustaga Lodge ArrowCorps5 Contingent headed to Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyoming, for the fifth installment of the event of the summer, ArrowCorps5. For those of you who don't know, ArrowCorps5 occurred at five different national forests across the nation, where arrowmen conducted service projects on a national scale.

15 arrowmen traveled as participants to AC5. They included Sam Ammons, Colin Beard, Martin Beard, AbuBakr "ABC" Cristobal, Dalton Dennis, Ted Dennis, Howard "Mike" Gillette, Chris Pahalek, Bryce Segler, Maha Selim, John Steele, Daniel Syfrett, David Syfrett, and Josh Tracy. In addition to that, Doug Watson, Zach Kuhl, Brad Brock, Will Yanni, and Ryan Braddy all served as staff members. Brad Brock, Doug Watson, and Will Yanni also served at Shasta-Trinity National Forest as staff members along with Ted Werre and former Lodge Staff Adviser Joey Quick.

During the day, our contingent members were split up from each other, and put into crews with other arrowmen from around the nation. They would leave on buses to different trail areas and work on things like removing false edges, creating back slopes, removing roots and small branches, filling in holes with rocks, which of course involved looking for and hauling rocks, building up switchbacks, and creating trail features. After a hard day of work, we came back to base camp at the high school, took showers, ate dinner, and enjoyed the evening activities, which included playing board games, trading patches, and visits to the city of Jackson. Everybody also enjoyed a day of recreation, where they went whitewater rafting, on a river float trip, mountain biking, or a tour of Yellowstone. Most of us went to Yellowstone, where we enjoyed the wildlife, the falls, and of course, geysers. While we were there, we ran in to a previous member of our lodge, who happened to be the 1971 Lodge Chief. That was a cool experience. We had a long and good conversation with him. All in all, it was a great experience.

"Arrowcorps5 was easily the highlight of my summer," Chris Pahalek said. "A week in the Tetons was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am glad I seized it."

".....I did have a great time," Bryce Segler noted. "I especially liked trading patches and building the trail. It was great to wake up freezing and then work hard all day. And it was such an awesome place with the mountains and the meadows. The whole experience was one for the books."

Well I hope you enjoyed your summer, because I know very well that 21 people had a blast and a much better time than just watching T.V. We enjoyed every aspect of ArrowCorps5, and will always remember the impact of our cheerful service to the forest.

Yours in Service,

Sam Ammons
Contingent Youth Leader

Service Corps update

Brothers,

I would like to welcome you all back from an awesome summer! As you all know, our organization is about service. With that in mind, make sure you mark your calendars for October 18, 2008. This is the date of the Southern Region "One Day of Service." Chapters need to begin thinking of ideas for service projects to be completed NO LATER THAN this date. I would like to see a brief narrative of each project before they are carried out if possible, as well as a final report.

Another thing that is very rapidly approaching is the 2009 Conclave. We will be hosting several workdays for that event. The dates for those are as follows:

November 22, 2008

January 17th, 2009

March 7, 2009

April 4, 2009

We will need every available arrowman to be present for these workdays. They will be very important to make sure that all our camp facilities are in tiptop shape for the conclave.

Finally, keep in mind that our annual ordeal is approaching as well. A list of projects and needed tools will be posted on the lodge website as soon as they are available.

**Yours in Service,
George DeCoste III
Service Corps Chairman**

Summer Camp/OA involvement

This summer the OA played a critical role in staffing this year's Summer Camp, with over half of the staff being Yustaga Lodge members. It was a fun and eventful time with lots of laughs and memories. If you won't take my word for it, just go around and ask someone that was on staff what they thought of it.

If you are interested in working staff next year, then please talk to Mr. Jim Boksa or Mr. Doug Watson for more information.



Lodge Registration Form

		Quantity	Totals
2009 Dues (until November 30)	\$7.00	_____	_____
Fall Pow Wow Early Registration [Must be received in the Scout office by 9/12/08]	\$15.00	_____	_____
Fall Pow Wow Late Registration [Received after 9/12/08]	\$20.00	_____	_____
Pay-at-the-Door Registration	\$25.00	_____	_____
Extra Pow Wow patches	\$3.00	_____	_____
Brotherhood Fee [For Ordeal members wishing to seal their membership at the Fall Pow Wow; must be accompanied by event fee]	\$18.00	_____	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

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 FALL POW WOW TODAY!!!