

YUSTAGA LODGE LEADERSHIP

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RECAP

Spring Fellowship

This Spring Fellowship was non-stop fun from the moment we stepped foot in camp. First of all, the weekend schedule was extremely different from our typical schedule; almost all the events took place at night! We called the weekend's theme "Night Moves". After check-in, we jumped straight into the first set of activities at the waterfront. At the waterfront, all four chapters competed in a game of volleyball. This was an excellent warm-up game, but the real competition started when we turned to watermelon pollo. This was such a crazy idea for a game that it worked! With one greased up watermelon, two trash cans, and two teams, there were some serious strategies in play to get the watermelon to the opponent's goal. Finishing up at the waterfront, we held a belly-flop competition. There were some major smacks on Lake Euchee throughout the challenge, but everyone shared a few good laughs in the end.

Following the waterfront action, we had dinner, and then moved into the night games. Our big games of the night were capture the flag, razz, spam toss, and lodge officer hunt. Capture the flag was quite an exciting warm up, neither side ended up scoring any points in the end, but that's because the competition was so strong! Razz was a great follow up game since it was fast paced, so we were able to get off multiple games before time was up. During cracker barrel we played spam toss, which was a perfect break, and a great laugh as the spam fell apart on the players. By the time we finished up the night with lodge officer hunt, our arrowmen were finally done for the night. After such an exciting night of events, there is no doubt every camper had an excellent night's sleep.

Fall Pow Wow

For those of you who missed out on Fall Pow Wow, despite the ongoing pandemic, this year was one of the best yet! Friday night kicked off with a life size game of Hungry Hungry Hippos. The following morning, we had several classes including many of our classics and favorites: Native American Drumming, Dutch Oven Cooking, OA High Adventure, and many other awesome classes. After lunch we held our elections, but this time around we had quite the competition for the Lodge Vice Chief elections. In total we have four chairs available for Vice Chiefs, but we had SEVEN candidates running for this year, which is far more than we typically have. Congratulations to our new Vice Chiefs: Quin Gable (Choctaw), Matthew Luebke (Woapalanne), Tyler Shores (Appalachee), and

Houston Hartley (Oschambos). Also, welcome back to our Lodge Chief, Pryce Murphy. We look forward to more events just like this one in the future! After elections, we held our voting for youth arrowman and adult arrowman of the year, and as usual, this is top secret. If you would like to find out who earned these awards this year, join us for Lodge Banquet on November 7.

We then moved onto football at the parade field, which clearly did not exhaust anyone nearly enough because later that night, almost every youth joined in for several games of volleyball on the parade field and many others moved to the dining hall to play Madden on Play Station 4.

Brotherhood ceremony at Fall Pow Wow was just as excellent as the rest of the event. Quin Gable and the Wehmeyer siblings had clearly been practicing, which made for a flawless ceremony. This team is well on their way to competition

material, and hopefully they can keep it up and invite new arrowmen to join. We had a total of 12 arrowmen earn their brotherhood this weekend.

Finally, a huge congratulations to James Welch, Micah Cilley, and Ian Write, our three new vigil nominees! You guys truly earned it!

CHAPTER REPORTS

Choctaw

Each of Choctaw’s chapter meetings have been dedicated towards the progression of Lodge Banquet. Every major detail of Banquet has been worked out, including the location, which will be at the AMVets building in Valparaiso, Fl. Other than planning Banquet, everything has been running smoothly. Choctaw’s newly elected leadership are David Strickland as Chief, Tina Wehmeyer as Vice Chief, and Eric Wehmeyer as Secretary.

Woapalanne

Woapalanne had fun at Fall Pow Wow, but as a chapter, they believe they need to work on attendance. Their new leadership for 2021 are Lucas Curbin (Chief), Brian Sellers (Vice Chief), Justice Rodriguez (Vice Chief), Charlie Benson (Secretary).

Oschambos

Oschambos has not held meetings since COVID started but they did attend the September work day as a chapter and elected new chapter leadership during Fall Pow Wow. Their new chapter leadership are Logan Blancheri as Chapter Chief, Ayden Bonner as Vice Chief, and Judson Lee as Chapter Secretary.

Appalachee

The Appalachee Chapter had an amazing turn out at Fall Pow Wow. Not only did they have a significantly higher youth participation than they have had in the past, but they were also blessed with a great adult-youth relationship working together in the kitchen. They had four youth participate in the Brotherhood training Saturday morning. During chapter elections, Saturday afternoon, their chapter elected Josh Hess as 2021 Chapter Chief, Brayden Brooks as 2021 Chapter Vice Chief, and Fisher Vandertulip as 2021 Chapter Secretary.

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Vigil Weekend: October 17-18

For our three new candidates, and anyone involved in the vigil ceremony, remember this date! Congratulations on this accomplishment, and good luck on your journey.

Lodge Banquet and LLD: November 7

All new leadership should attend our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training which will be held in the morning at the same location as Lodge Banquet. We will be discussing methods for effectively running your chapter and our lodge. We will have a new training session discussing call trees, which we hope can be used for improving attendance at our events.

Lodge banquet is being organized by Choctaw Chapter. The location will be the AMVets building in Valparaiso, Fl. Banquet will be held directly after LLD.

Conclave Workdays: (See below for dates)

As Yustaga Lodge prepares for Conclave 2021, we encourage all our members to participate in our Conclave workdays. Our main project is updating our restroom facilities. This is of course a permanent project which will be enjoyed by all future campers. Other projects include cleaning our campsites, clearing brush, and general camp beautification. The workdays left for this year are as follows:

- October 17
- November 14
- November 21

December 5

December 12

These dates are also on our calendar on Yustaga's website.

Conclave Youth Leads:

Our Conclave Chairman, Zachary Lambert, is currently looking for youth to fulfill a few roles for 2021 Conclave. These are relatively simple roles in place to allow Conclave to run smoothly at our Camp STSR. The youth lead and their advisor should build a team of youth to help them run these tasks. We are trying to fill these roles by January 2021. The positions in need of youth are:

Dining Hall

Adult: Bill Strickland

Description: Setting up and cleaning the dining hall before and after meals. For any events being held at the dining hall, the area should be set up for that as well.

Health and Safety

Adult: James Odom

Description: Manning the health lodge. Ensuring we have hand sanitizer available at every meal. In the event of something like COVID-19, make sure campers are following health and safety guidelines.

Parking/Transportation

Adult: Tim Rickman

Description: After check in, guide guest vehicles to the proper parking locations. Provide a method for bringing camp gear and guiding campers to our guests' camp sites.

Awards/Recognition

Adult: Darryl Huddleston

Description: Creating trophies/plaques to recognize the awards that Section will be giving out during Conclave. Ensuring all information on plaques/trophies are accurate.

There are always service projects that need our help at the camp. These can be done as Individual, Chapter, Troop, Pack, Crew etc. Please contact Don Smith for more information: donfloridasmith@aol.com

CONCLAVE 2021!!

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CHIEF'S MINUTE

What a year it has been, from a pandemic to a hurricane, who knew what 2020 had in store for us? First off, I want to hope all of you are staying safe during this time. I know we have been through a lot, but this has made us stronger, especially the 2020 leadership Crew that helped me overcome my obstacles. This year had prepared us for the worst and how to deal with it. I cannot count the amount of zoom calls I have been on for my troop and the lodge. I am really excited for this year's leadership. I know we can accomplish many great things this year. I am truly blessed to be re-elected as your Lodge Chief and happy to be serving my fellow arrow men again. With Fall Powwow's great success, we need to keep the momentum going forward. I hope to see all of you at the banquet hosted by Choctaw Chapter.

Your 2021 Lodge Chief,

Pryce Murphy

ADVISER'S BRIEF

"Adapt and Change"

Thankfully, with all the challenges that 2020 has presented to our daily lives much less our scouting experiences Yustaga Lodge has persevered throughout all the uncertainty to be able to hold all annual events for our members in person. Although at times delayed and re-scheduled, I'm extremely proud of our youth Lodge leadership team to strategically organize and plan for a great Spring Fellowship, make-up Ordeal/Workday and Fall Pow Wow events that were well received by all attending. Even Section Conclave and Momentum (National event) have been able to be attended virtually this year for all those being able to participate. This ability to step outside our "norm" and adapt is pleasing for all involved to have a continuity in Yustaga Lodge and all it has to offer our arrowmen. In networking with other lodges across the country, I can tell you that we have been fortunate and experienced a closer to "normal" experience with our members in events and ability to experience events than most other lodges. Most lodges are just now being able to have in person events since March of this year. Obviously, we will continue to strive and provide "best practices" going forward to continue to deliver a quality program and maintain our "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" for the future.

June 19-20th was our annual make-up Ordeal/Workday with excellent participation by our members to work on various projects around Camp Euchee in preparation for Fall famcamps and Conclave 2021 that our lodge host in April of next year. We also celebrated 20 candidates sealing their membership in the Order of the Arrow and Yustaga lodge over the weekend. Much work was completed and an emphasis was placed on Yustaga land behind the trading post, trail work, and general camp clean-up efforts by all participating.

July 11-12th provided an opportunity for a special "Night Moves" Spring Fellowship at Camp Euchee that was highlighted in being accomplished in 24 hours with awesome events for our members. Beginning at the waterfront, a very competitive water volleyball and a "greased" watermelon tournament were held. The waterfront activities concluded with a belly flop contest that all enjoyed. Into the evening and night, activities such as "glow in the dark" capture the flag, manhunt and other night time activities were enjoyed by all participating. We capped off a well received Spring Fellowship with a very productive LEC meeting.

August 29th was our Section SR1B Conclave that was held from morning to evening culminating with Section Officer elections and a patch auction in a virtual format. Members were able to come and go as the day provided opportunities for participation. Highlights were excellent training presentations by Regional and National arrowmen, trivia, scavenger hunt, and the ability to provide a Tik Tok video. Yustaga lodge would like to congratulate Houston Hartley on a fine job he provided as SR1B's Section Chief this year, and we also congratulate Pryce Murphy, Lodge Chief, on being selected as Section Vice Chief for the upcoming year. Job well done Houston and Pryce we look forward to great things for our Section leadership this year!

September 25-27th our annual Fall Pow Wow event was held at Camp Euchee. The weekend was well attended by members, especially our youth arrowmen, that thoroughly enjoyed the weekend's festivities. Starting with Friday evening, competitive games such as Hungry Hippos, the cup stacker/cup flip games, life size chess and flag football on the parade field were a hit. Saturday morning provided a venue of excellent training opportunities ranging from Dutch oven cooking, fishing, patch trading, lodge history/memorabilia, Native American regalia, drumming, leadership trainings and other unique classes. Saturday afternoon brought the opportunity to hold Lodge leadership elections and chapter elections for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Pryce Murphy for being elected a second term as Lodge Chief and Houston Hartley, Matthew Luebke, Quin Gable and Tyler Shores for being elected as Vice Chiefs for the upcoming year. All four chapters held successful chapter elections of their own. I look forward to a great 2021 this lodge and chapter leadership teams to carry us forward for continued success. An excellent brotherhood ceremony was conducted Saturday afternoon with our newest Brotherhood members being recognized. We also revealed our Vigil candidates for this year on Saturday evening with youth Micah Cilley and James Welch being selected and adult Ian Wright being selected for this prestigious honor. You couldn't have asked for a better weekend and all that attended had an awesome time.

Now we set our sights upon celebrating our accomplishments this year and recognizing our dedicated lodge and chapter leadership teams. Saturday, November 7th will be our annual Banquet hosted by Choctaw chapter in Valparaiso, FL. at the AMVets building. More information will be forthcoming on our Yustaga lodge page with details and the link to sign up. I look forward to seeing you all there to wrap up a "challenging" but successful year. In the meantime, we continue to have opportunities for "cheerful service" through our lodge workdays at STSR as we prepare for Conclave 2021 this upcoming April.

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