

The Osprey

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Gulf Coast Council #773

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Andy Weber New Lodge Chief

Chiefly Speaking:

Brothers,

I'd like to begin by introducing myself. I am Andy Weber, and I will be your 2003 Lodge Chief. I've been in the lodge since 1997 and have served in various positions on many levels within the Order. I am looking forward to working with this year's Lodge Executive Committee to bring you the best year yet!

We just held our Lodge Leadership Development Conference and our next event is the Annual Lodge Banquet in December. I want to encourage each and every one of you to attend the banquet. A night of awards, door prizes, presentations and fellowship will surely make this a banquet to remember!

If you have any questions about what's going on in the Lodge or just want to get to know me, please don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail.

(lodgechief@yustaga385.com) My ears are always open to your questions or comments. Again, I look forward to serving you this year!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Andy Weber

January LEC:

Are you wondering how to get involved in the lodge? The easiest way to do so is to come to an LEC meeting.

LEC stands for Lodge Executive Committee and it is made up of the Lodge officers, Chapter officers, and committee chairmen. Anyone else is welcome (Continued on Page 6)

Special Recognitions to Be Presented at Lodge Banquet

Why come to the Lodge Banquet? How about good food, fellowship, an opportunity to bring a date to a Scouting function, inspirational program, a celebration of the year's highlights, and the chance to recognize our members.

Among the many awards and recognitions to be bestowed at the Lodge Banquet will be the recognition of all outgoing Chapter Chiefs and Advisors, Lodge Committee Chairmen and Advisors, and Lodge Officers. New officers will also be formally sworn in and installed. In addition, the **Youth and Adult Arrowman**

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2002 ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities and to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award focusing on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community. The award was first issued in 2001 and will continue through 2003. First time recipients will receive the white ribbon with the gold compass. Those earning the award a second and third time will receive special attachments to be worn

on the original award's ribbon.

Applications may be found at <http://www.yustaga385.com/forms/asa-signoff.pdf>. All requirements for the year 2002 must be completed by December 31, 2002. Completed applications with necessary approval, should be mailed to Wade Hartley at P.O. Box 25, Atmore, Al. 36504. **All 2002 applications must be received by January 4, 2003.**

Wade Hartley
Lodge Advisor

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of the Year will be presented to two deserving members. The youth recipient is chosen by the adult membership and vice versa. It recognizes the Arrowman who has shown the most dedication and service to the lodge and/or chapter over the last 12 months. The **Committee Chairman of the Year** and the **Lodge Officer of the Year** will be presented by 2001-2002 Lodge Chief, Monty Haight. Culminating the evening will be the presentation of the **Founder's Award**. This recognition is a nationally approved award presented to those Arrowmen, through their local lodge, who exemplify the principles and teachings of the Order's Founders and who have given service to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting over an extended period of time. *Written By: Wade Hartley*



Around the Campfire ... the advisors column!

I had an interesting conversation with a young Arrowman a few weeks ago at the Fall Pow Wow. He pointed out an adult OA member and asked who he was. I told him the gentleman's name and said he was in "XYZ" Chapter. "Really", said the youth, "that's my chapter. I've never seen him at our chapter meetings or any of district camporees".

Unfortunately, those are an all too common fact pattern among lodges all over the country.

The Order of the Arrow is not a membership branch of Scouting like Cub Scouts, Boy Scouting, Exploring or Venturing. It is a program component of Boy Scouting. It exists to complement and enhance Boy Scouting. An Arrowman is not registered in Scouting through the OA, he is registered through a unit or district or council. The very first membership requirement for continued registration in the Order

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Chapter Information

Apalachee Chief

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Advisor

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Choctaw Chief

TBA

Advisor

Keith Reyher

Oschambos Chief

TBA

Advisor

Chad Hartley

Panzacola Chief

Monty Haight

Advisor

Wayne Pannell

Techakin Chief

TBA

Advisor

Frank Henry

Yustaga 385 Standing Committees

Committee	Description
Brotherhood	Works with Brotherhood candidates. Gives training sessions and signs off completion on Brotherhood requirements. Sends out letters to eligible candidates. Ensures that at least 30% of the eligible candidates are converted to Brotherhood each year.
Native American Events	Responsible for organizing teams for all dance and/or drum & song exhibitions and competitions.
Elangomat	Responsible for training Elangomats to assist candidates at the Ordeal. Responsible for working with chapters to ensure that enough Elangomats are trained and available at the Ordeals.
Ceremony	Responsible for coordinating all ceremonies with team members.
Camp Promotion	Helps to promote our local camp as well as camping in general. Prepares promotional items (videos, pamphlets, etc) to assist in this task. Also responsible for publishing the "Where to go Camping" Booklet of area campsites of interest for local troops use.
Vigil	In charge of the nomination, election, and ceremonies for Vigil Honor members. Coordinates with ceremonies committee when needed.
Unit Service	In charge of organizing, informing and communicating with the new OA Troop/Team Representative and the ASK Program.
Unit Elections	In charge of training chapter unit elections teams. Ensures that every unit desiring a unit election receives one. Turns in forms to lodge secretary. Chapter election team chairmen should sit on this committee.
Publications	In charge of publishing the Osprey, the official newsletter of the Lodge, at least 4 times a year. One person from each chapter should be on this committee. Osprey reporters are in charge of reporting chapter news to the Osprey. A sub-committee of publications is in charge of maintaining, updating, producing, and developing the lodge website at www.yustaga385.com .
Historical / Awards	Takes pictures throughout the year at lodge events. Produces a historical display for competition at the Conclave. Produces the annual slide show for the banquet.

All interested youth and adults should contact Wade Hartley, Lodge Advisor. He can be reached by phone (251)368-7273, email: advisor@yustaga385.com or snail mail: PO Box 25, Atmore AL 36504.

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of the Arrow is to be a registered member of Scouting.

What is an Arrowman's primary duty? Is it to go to lodge events? Is it to go to chapter meetings? No, the primary responsibility of an Arrowman is to his registered position in Scouting. We are troop members, Scoutmasters, District Commissioners, Troop Committee members, District Committee members, and Council Committee members first. We are OA members second.

Now we come back around to that young Arrowman's innocent, but telling observation about having never seen the adult before. Are you like that adult? Did you go to your troop meeting Monday night? How many district committee meetings have you been to lately? Did you go to your Fall Camporee? How about last month's roundtable?

Not everyone has the time to be a unit leader. But there are plenty of Scouting jobs that don't require that type of time and energy commitment. Believe it or not, there are actually some that do only require one hour per week or a few hours per month. We can all do that. Don't let lodge events be the only time you wear your uniform.

Wade Hartley
Lodge Advisor

The Journey of an Arrowman

This article is going to be a three-piece summary of an Arrowman's journey through Yustaga Lodge, Order of the Arrow. As it turns out, the journey will be my personal journey. This first piece will be about my journey as a young Arrowman learning the ropes in the lodge.

Like every Arrowman, my first lodge event was the Ordeal, a time of confusion and second-guessing. I stood there in every ceremony, wondering why these guys were wearing such weird clothing; granted I knew they were Indians, but since when have Indians worn turbans? I made it through the weekend thinking I had this real cool thing to add to the pocket of my class A. But thanks to a mentor, i.e. my brother, he urged me to come back for another weekend. So I did this, and at the Pow Wow, I signed up for Elangomat Committee, and no more than two weeks later, I received a call about me being the committee chairman. This was all confusing to me; I mean what can a new Arrowman have to offer in the OA? (We will get to this at a later time.) They gave me my advisor's name and number. I proceeded to call him and he sent me a bunch of information and told me to get training ready for the Fellowship. A few months later the Fellowship came around, and so I went. Saturday morning I finally met my advisor, and man, did he scare some stuff out of me...I taught my classes and he sat there and watched me; saying little, but staring at me a lot. I made it through the weekend and the rest of the year with very little problems, enjoying the times. The next year, I was brave and ran for chapter chief. I was successful in the position, and had a great year. The most memorable event for that year was when I attended an LEC. I sat there, silent, and amazed. For once, Scouting was truly run by the youth. Wade Caudle was the chief at the time, and he sat at the head of the triangle of tables. The crowd got wild, and no sooner did he hit the gavel against the table to calm everybody down (I found out later in my OA journey that pounding the gavel was fun.).

Throughout these first two years in the lodge, I learned many things as I sat back and watched what went on. I saw how the older kids had a close crew; they ran the weekend and also hung out at nights. In seeing this, I tried to meet other Arrowman my age in hopes of forming a group that would run the lodge one day. Man, did that one kick me in the butt! But for my first year, there was something else that caught my eye. The hardest part for a new member is to learn the ropes, but as leaders, we should all take the first step in assisting these new guys. If we as leaders take a part in this, our lodge will be able to grow and prosper. I will leave this first segment with that: help the new kid! Look forward to talking to you in the next *Osprey*.

-Steven Henry
Section Vice-Chief

THE THIRD 'W' – SERVICE

The W.W.W. – Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. These are our hallmarks. We are all familiar with the more common service projects that we as lodge members perform: Ordeal projects, chapter responsibilities at lodge events, camp improvement projects, and responsibilities inherent to our positions or office. For some Arrowmen, service is a once a year performance. For others, it may be something that is done just in a Scouting context. For others, it may be a way of life.

In the OA, we most often associate service with group projects at camps or high adventure bases. However, service may take many forms, sometimes far from

the confines of Spanish Trail Scout Reservation, and sometimes individually without the company of other OA members. As the year progresses, you will see steps that Yustaga Lodge will be taking to expand our service to our camp, districts, council and local communities.

Not all service opportunities are brand new however, some are already established. The **Scoutreach Mentoring Program** is a national program administered by the Order of the Arrow where knowledgeable Arrowmen make a sincere commitment to assisting identified Troops with their advancement and/or outdoor

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Northern Tier OA Wilderness Voyage Scholarship Opportunity

For several years now, a special service opportunity has been available for dedicated youth members at Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base. Under the direction of the United States Forest Service, experienced Charles L. Sommers staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds lead participants on a two week voyage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The program is a fourteen-day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800's. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One-half of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans their own voyage! However, the program is not simply portage trail work, camping, and canoeing. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Portage trail work is tough and serious. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the tasks being accomplished are de-

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programs. **Arrowmen Sharing Knowledge** or **ASK**, is similar to Scoutreach, but is less time consuming and more broad in scope. Arrowmen with special skills or knowledge are made available to Troops as a resource for presentations and troop programs. A third service opportunity is the **OA Service Corps**. Unlike Scoutreach and ASK, which are national programs, this is a local program established by Yustaga to provide service at council events such as family camp, Webelos Weekend and Council Encampments.

More in depth articles concerning each of these three service opportunities may be found in the February 2002 Osprey, <http://www.yustaga385.com/osprey/osprey0202.pdf> Applications can be printed from the lodge website at www.yustaga385.com/documents.htm.

Yustaga also offers a special recognition for dedicated service to Spanish Trail Scout Reservation in the form of the **Spec Lovell Service Award**. Requirements may be found on the back of your OA membership card or at www.yustaga385.com/specialawards.htm.

signed to benefit generations of Scouts and non-Scouts in the Boundary Waters Wilderness. In addition to mastering portage trail maintenance techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, learn wilderness safety techniques, participate in many motivational activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and intensify the purpose of the Order of the Arrow through Scout camping traditions. Camping enhances and builds stronger programs and people. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge, and council programs.

The cost for this opportunity is only \$100.00 plus travel costs. In an effort to promote the program among our section members, a scholarship covering the entire \$100.00 program cost is being offered by the Alabama and South Georgia Section Officers Association. This group is comprised of former section officers of our section(s). It was formed in 2000 and in the past has presented scholarships to the 2000 NOAC.

The deadline for submitting the application is January 4, 2003. Applications can be downloaded at www.alibamu.org/asgso/2003application.doc. For more information, contact Wade Hartley.

Wade Hartley
Lodge Advisor

Calendar 2002

October 26
Lodge Leadership
Development
Conference (LLDC)

December 7
Lodge Banquet

2003

January 11
Lodge Executive
Committee (LEC)

Feb 28 - March 2
Spring Fellowship

April 11-13
Section Conclave

May 16-18
Lodge Ordeal

July 11
Summer Social

September 12-14
Fall Pow Wow

October 25
Lodge Leadership
Development Con-
ference (LLDC)

December 6
Lodge Banquet

All dates are subject to
change by the LEC.

2003 Conclave...Make plans to attend!!!

Wade Hartley Lodge Advisor

The 2003 SR4-N Conclave will be hosted by Immokalee Lodge 353 at Camp Osborne near Albany, GA. The conclave will be held April 11-13. The section conclave is the annual gathering of the seven lodges in South Alabama, Northwest Florida and South Georgia that make up our section. It is a weekend filled with various competitions, Indian events, games, athletics, patch trading, fun and tons of fellowship! It begins on Friday afternoon and because of travel time, participants will have to leave school/work early. The event concludes Sunday morning.

Yustaga has been given a tentative quota of 35 members (24 youth and 11 adults, a 2:1 ratio). All youth slots will

be filled on a first come/ first served basis. Because of the limited number of adult slots, adult delegates will be chosen by the Key-3 based on transportation and leadership needs for the Conclave. The next Section Council of Chiefs meeting is January 4, 2003. It is likely that we can increase our delegate numbers at that time if we have enough members registered for the conclave by January 1, 2003. Therefore, if you are interested in attending, it is important that you sign up as soon as possible! If more than 24 youth register, we can take additional adults.

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to attend the meeting, but they do not have voting rights. At the LEC meeting future events are planned, budgeting decisions are made, patch designs are selected...the list goes on and on. So, if you want to be involved, start out by attending these meetings and get your voice heard. The next LEC meeting will be Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 AM in Henson Hall.



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 Joe Harvill (jharvill@aol.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.

Each of the three programs are discussed below.

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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Conclave Pre-order Items

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		Totals	
Conclave Registration	\$28.00		_____
Patch	\$2.50	x _____ =	_____
Pin	\$2.50	x _____ =	_____
Mug	\$3.00	x _____ =	_____
Neckerchief	\$8.75	x _____ =	_____
Jacket Patch	\$4.00	x _____ =	_____
Belt Buckle	\$14.00	x _____ =	_____
T-Shirts (M, L, XL) Circle Size	\$7.50	x _____ =	_____
T-Shirts XXL	\$8.50	x _____ =	_____
T-shirts XXXL	\$9.25	x _____ =	_____
		Total Enclosed	_____

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Telephone# () _____ - _____
 Email Address: _____

Chapter
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 Youth / Adult

Mail Form to Gulf Coast Council (Address on Back of Osprey)
 Please use a different form for each person. This form is separate from Lodge Registration form.

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 Boy Scouts of America
 9440 University Parkway
 Pensacola FL 32514

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Lodge Registration Form

		Totals
2003 Dues Prepayment* (Before Dec 1, 2002)	\$5.00	_____
2003 Dues Payment *(After Dec 1,2002)	\$7.50	_____
Banquet Registration (Patch Not Included)	\$10.00	_____
Guest Banwuet Registration (Patch Not Included)	\$10.00	x _____ = _____
Lodge Banquet Patches	\$3.00 each	x _____ = _____
Circle Meal Preference (Fried Chicken, Country Fried Steak, Pork Chops)		Total Enclosed _____
Name: _____		
Address: _____		

Telephone# () _____ - _____		
Email Address: _____		

Chapter
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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)

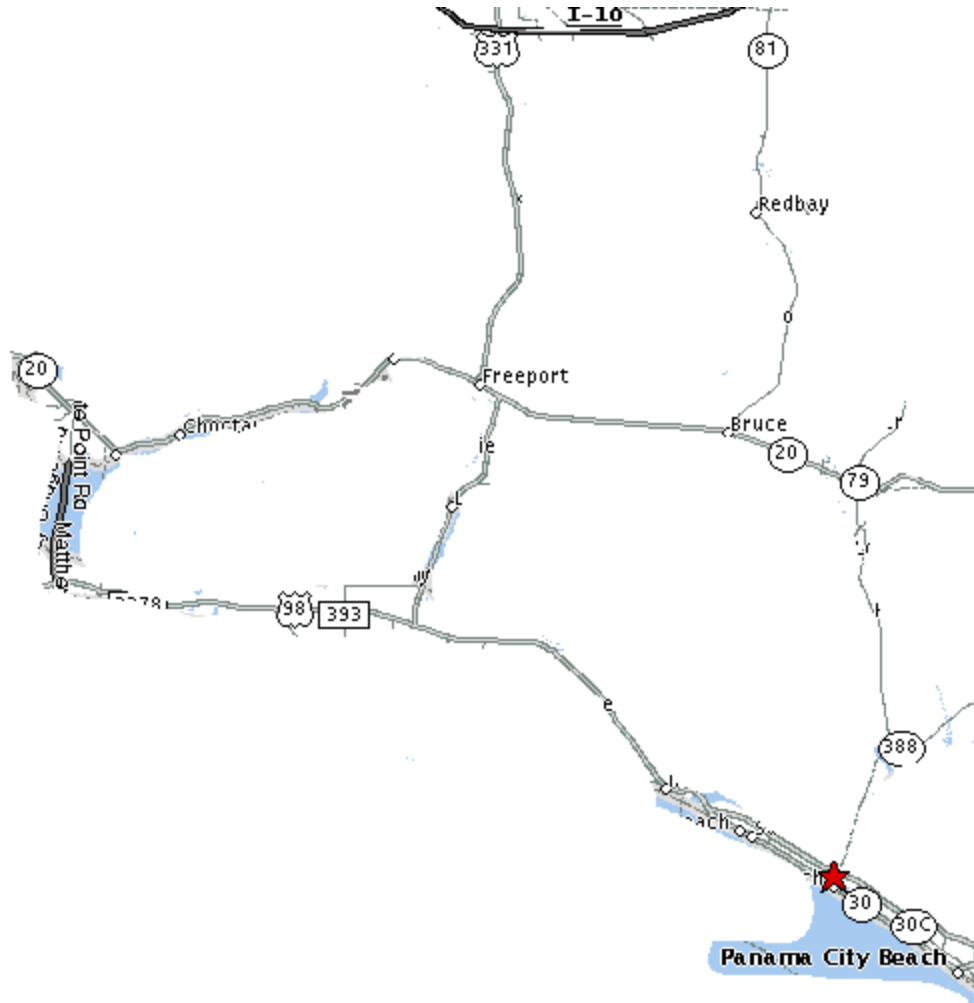
Lodge Banquet Info

When: December 7, 2003
Where: Gulftreat Camp and Conference Center
Panama City Beach
What Time: Registration begins at 5:30pm
Dinner served at 6:00pm
How Much: \$10 per person (Does NOT include patch)
\$3 extra per patch

In order to ensure that enough food is prepared: **ALL
ARROWMEN AND GUESTS MUST BE PRE-
REGISTERED BY DECEMBER 3rd**

**Dinners choices are:
Country Fried Steak
Fried Chicken
Pork Chops**

Please make dinner selections on the enclosed registration form.



From Pensacola:
Take I-10 East to Highway 331 (Defuniak Springs)
Highway 331 South to Highway 98
Watch the signs in Freeport!
Highway 98 East to Highway 79 in Panama City Beach
South on Highway 79
Conference Center on Left at corner of Hernando and Highway
79