

# The Osprey



August - September 2007

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Gulf Coast Council #773

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## FALL POW WOW 2007 SEPTEMBER 14-15-16 • CAMP EUCHEE

Now that summer is pretty much over, it's time to get back into the swing of things again, and the Order of the Arrow is no exception! We look forward to seeing EVERY ARROWMAN at the annual Fall Pow Wow coming up in September. Be sure to read this issue of *The Osprey* for complete information on Fall Pow Wow, including an event schedule.

This Fall Pow Wow will also serve as our make-up Ordeal weekend for those candidates who were unable to attend the Lodge Ordeal in May. Let's welcome new members to our Brotherhood and show them our support by attending and participating in the Pow Wow.

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

**TRAINING • PATCH TRADING • BROTHERHOOD TRAINING  
BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY • FOOD • FUN • FELLOWSHIP  
COMPETITIONS • PATCH AUCTION  
VIGIL HONOR CALLOUT • LODGE AND CHAPTER ELECTIONS  
LEARN ABOUT NATIONAL PROGRAMS & ARROWCORPS<sup>5</sup>  
ARROWMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION**

Wow, that's a lot to do in a weekend. You don't want to miss out! Above all that, we are going to start promoting an exciting event that is being hosted next summer in five different national park areas: ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, which is the largest service project ever undertaken by the Order of the Arrow. It's 5 weeks, 5 sites, and 5,000 arrowmen... but, it's more than a service project.

It's meeting new friends, enjoying the scenery and the beauty of these areas, and enjoying yourself as you participate in recreational activities in between the service projects, which will beautify and protect these areas for many years to come! Please read your Osprey for more details and come to the Pow Wow to find out how you can be a part of this awesome program!



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## Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

I hope that everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to gathering at STSR in September for a weekend of great food, fellowship, and fun. Since the lodge Ordeal in May, members have been working hard at providing service at our camp during the OA Days at Summer Camp and the lodge work day held in May. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped with these two events. I was happy to see so many of you out helping and making a difference. I hope that in the future we will be able to expand these two events and make them even better.

As we reach the end of another lodge year, we look to our lodge and chapter officers to see what they have done to better the lodge. I hope that everyone takes the time to look at what has happened in the past and how it will help the lodge in the future. If you think you can help the lodge continue to grow I would challenge you to run for an office or join a lodge committee. If we all continue to work together our lodge will continue to grow and succeed in reaching our goals.

A great thanks goes out to everyone who has helped me and the rest of the lodge officers during the past year. Without your help we would not have been able to obtain Quality Lodge and Best All Around Lodge. You elected us to a position because you felt we would guide the lodge in the right direction. I would like to again remind everyone of my favorite quote, "Leadership is a process, not a position."

In Cheerful Service,  
Michael Kirkland  
Lodge Chief

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## Around the Campfire

Dear Arrowmen,

As I write this article, the heat indices here in Pensacola have been in the triple digits for most of this week. Although it doesn't feel like it, the summer is rapidly coming to a close as we make way for another busy fall. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer; I did my share of Scouting as I accompanied my troop to Northern Tier as well as attending the National Conservation and Leadership Summit at Indiana University. I know that many Arrowmen were very active this summer, attending summer camp with their troops, working on camp staff at STSR and other area camps, and also participating in high adventure programs at the various bases. I know that a handful of arrowmen represented our lodge very well by participating in the awesome high adventure opportunities at the three national bases. Speaking of high adventure, I strongly encourage our youth members to take advantage of these programs - Trail Crew at Philmont, Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier, and Ocean Adventure at Sea Base - before they fill up. Applications to participate in these programs for 2008 are available online at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>. Get yours in now before these outstanding programs fill up. These programs provide an inexpensive way for you to attend a high adventure base while providing cheerful service and making new friends, all at the same time!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Pow Wow next month where our lodge officers have another outstanding weekend planned. Along with great training and competitions, we will hold elections for lodge and chapter officers, as well as have a callout ceremony for those Arrowmen who have been chosen as candidates for the Order of the Arrow's highest recognition, the Vigil Honor. Please come out and enjoy a weekend of fun and fellowship - and maybe you'll even learn something new while you're there! Remember, this is YOUR lodge. Please do your best to locate an Arrowman (or maybe even two) who has been less than active lately and bring him or her along with you for the weekend. Let's continue to promote and share the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. I'll see you at the Fall Pow Wow, September 14-16 at STSR!

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Jim Matson  
Lodge Adviser

# **ARROWCORPS<sup>5</sup>: AN AWESOME UNDERTAKING**

Leave it to the Order of the Arrow to undertake one of the biggest and most ambitious projects yet: it's ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>! The OA and the U.S. Forest Service are joining together to create this national program. It is a chance for Arrowmen to serve in five different U.S. National Forests across the United States. Each site will be offered for one week during the summer of 2008, and each site will conduct a different service project. We will have much more information at the Fall Pow Wow about this event, but here are some of the basics. ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> is a once in a lifetime program. The event is the largest volunteer service effort ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America. A Scout's duty to country calls us all to help preserve the beauty of treasures like our national forests. ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> will take place at five sites across the country. A highly trained Order of the Arrow and National Forest Service staff will provide a safe and healthy environment for a young man to learn about leadership, brotherhood, and service, all in an atmosphere of fun and excitement.

**What is ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>?** At the program's core is a major conservation service project at a national forest. Each program also includes a day dedicated to recreation, taking advantage of the unique opportunities of each site.

**Who can go?** Both youth and adult Arrowmen are invited to attend this event. Participants must meet the Philmont Guidelines for height and weight as shown on the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> website ([www.event.oa-bsa.org](http://www.event.oa-bsa.org)). In addition to being in good physical condition, Scouts must be at least 14 years of age by June 1, 2008.

**How do I sign up?** Each council will appoint a youth ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> contingent coordinator and adviser who will centrally organize all of the registration for Arrowmen in the lodge. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Matson, Lodge Adviser. More information will be available at the Fall Pow Wow.

**How much is it?** The cost for the event is \$250. The fee covers food, activities, and insurance—but not transportation. The lodge will have to collect and submit a \$100 nonrefundable deposit per participant, per site by February 1, 2008. Remaining fees will be due by May 1, 2008.

**Attendance** An Arrowman may sign up for as many sites as they wish on a first come, first serve basis.

**Travel** Councils may choose to organize a contingent travel plan, travel together with other nearby councils, or arrange for individual travel plans. Of course, BSA travel policies apply. The cost of travel is not included in the site fees. Based on the interest level within the lodge and the section, we may be able to organize a charter bus or other form of transportation.

**What to bring** Participants will be camping in or near a National Forest so you will need to bring your own tent and everything else you would need to be in the wilderness for a week. Once registered, participants will be sent a list of items to pack depending upon the site they are attending. For more information The ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> website ([www.event.oa-bsa.org](http://www.event.oa-bsa.org)) will provide current information and should answer most questions.

## **ARROWCORPS<sup>5</sup> DATES & LOCATIONS**

<b>June 7-14, 2008</b>	<b>Mark Twain National Forest   Missouri</b>
<b>June 14-21, 2008</b>	<b>Manti-La Sal National Forest   Utah</b>
<b>June 21-28, 2008</b>	<b>George Washington &amp; Jefferson National Forests   Virginia</b>
<b>July 12-19, 2008</b>	<b>Shasta-Trinity National Forest   California</b>
<b>July 26-August 2, 2008</b>	<b>Bridger-Teton National Forest   Wyoming</b>

## 2007 Lodge Business Meeting

The annual lodge business meeting will take place on Saturday afternoon at the Fall Pow Wow. This meeting is the one time during the year that every member of the lodge comes together to make important decisions that will affect the lodge for the coming year. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please register for the event and "be prepared" to voice your opinion and make a difference. The following items will be on the agenda:

1. Lodge By-Laws amendment presentation
2. 2007-2008 Lodge and Chapter Officer Elections
3. Selection of the adult and youth Arrowmen of the Year

## Appalachee Chapter Report

Chandler Young, Chapter Chief

Hopefully, Appalachee Chapter members have enjoyed their summer and are looking forward to getting back into the Fall and Winter events scheduled for our Lodge with renewed enthusiasm. We had a great time at the Summer Social and look forward to going back to Vortex Spring again. The water was cold- very cold, but it did not keep us from jumping in and enjoying the swings and diving platforms. We had some good sandwiches with all the extras and all of us left the event with great memories.

September will be here soon and we are planning on another good turn out for the Fall Pow Wow. We will be serving up some pretty awesome food to the Lodge and new Ordeal members. We need everyone in our chapter to come out to the Pow Wow and help us cook for this event and vote for the new Lodge Leadership.

Our Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 P.M. We meet at the First United Methodist Church in Panama City. I hope to see as many as possible at our Chapter Meetings and at the Fall Pow Wow.

## Unit Service

Hey everybody,

At the Fall Pow Wow, the Unit Service Committee will be having an election team training course. I hope to have at least 5 members from each chapter so we can be sure each chapter is in good hands.

Yours in service,  
Zach Kuhl  
Unit Service Chairman

## From the June 1960 issue of the Osprey

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the crowd, or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud?

Do you take on an active part, to help your Lodge along, or are you satisfied to be the kind to "Just Belong?"

Do you go to visit a Brother, who is sick, or leave the work for just a few and then talk about a clique?

There is quite a program scheduled, that means success if done, and it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand and heart, don't be just a member but take an active part.

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Think this over, members  
Are we right or wrong?  
Are YOU an ACTIVE MEMBER?  
or - do you just belong?

CHOCTAW, OSCHAMBOS,  
PANZACOLA, and TECHAKIN  
chapters must still be on summer vacation, or maybe their reports got lost somewhere along the way...

## Proposed Amendment

The following is a proposed amendment to the Lodge By-Laws. Please take a moment to read the amendment. If you have any questions please feel free to email [lodgechief@yustaga385.com](mailto:lodgechief@yustaga385.com). We will also address any concerns and questions from lodge members about the amendment during the meeting.

The lodge by-laws are available for download on our website, [www.yustaga385.com](http://www.yustaga385.com). Just click on the Resources button on the main page.

### Proposed Amendment to the Term of Office:

#### Article III - Officers

Change the wording of Section 4, Terms of Office, to read as follows:

*All Lodge and Chapter officers shall be elected annually at the Fall Pow Wow and will serve from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next calendar year.*

Reasons:

1. It gives ample time for the transition from old to new officers to take place.
2. The outgoing officers would be in charge of the Lodge Leadership Development, which will give the new officers more time to develop their plans for the year.
3. The term of office would coincide with the financial year of the lodge budget.
4. The term of office would match the start and end dates of the council-appointed positions, such as Lodge and Chapter Advisers.

Proposed by:  
Sam Ammons  
Lodge Treasurer 2007

## May OA Workday at STSR

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the Yustaga Arrowmen who came out and helped the Spanish Trail Scout Reservation staff set up campsites the first weekend of June for this year's summer camp season. It was amazing how fast the work got done with such a cheerful service corps to help! Your dedication to our camp program allowed the camp staff to focus on training to meet the needs of our campers and Scouters. The camp staff is greatly appreciative of your assistance. A special thanks goes to Jerry Gudinas and Michael Kirkland for organizing this service project. Let's hope this can become an annual event!

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Betsy Werre, Camp Director and all the STSR Camp Staff

## What Do You Want To Do In Your Lodge?

All Arrowmen who are planning to run for a lodge or chapter office, or who are interested in becoming a chairman for one of our lodge committees, need to make sure to attend the Fall Pow Wow (of course!) and also need to make sure to sign up for a special training course designed specifically for those arrowmen who are interested in serving in a lodge or chapter leadership role. At this session we will discuss some of the duties and responsibilities of lodge and chapter leadership and answer your questions about what it takes to be successful in these positions.

## Attain Brotherhood Membership - Seal Your Membership in the Order

Dear Ordeal Members,

It has been a few months since you first wore the sash of our Order. I trust that in time you have continued to represent the ideals that it stands for and have continued to faithfully serve your fellow man. If you have completed the following requirements, you may strengthen your ties of brotherhood through the Brotherhood ceremony.

Ten (10) months service as an Ordeal member (\*)  
Registered active member in Scouting  
Registered active member in the OA  
Memorized the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, and the Admonition

(\*) For Ordeal members who just completed their Ordeal Weekend in May 2007, I highly encourage you to attend this Fall Pow Wow Brotherhood Training session. You can continue to work on the other requirements, and by March 2008, you can seal your membership and take part in your Brotherhood Ceremony.

It is important that you not only meet the above requirements, but that you feel that you are prepared for the Brotherhood.

At your Ordeal, you were sent to seek a vision of yourself and of your purpose. The challenge of Brotherhood membership is part of that vision. Plan now to seal your membership at the upcoming Brotherhood ceremony to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation.

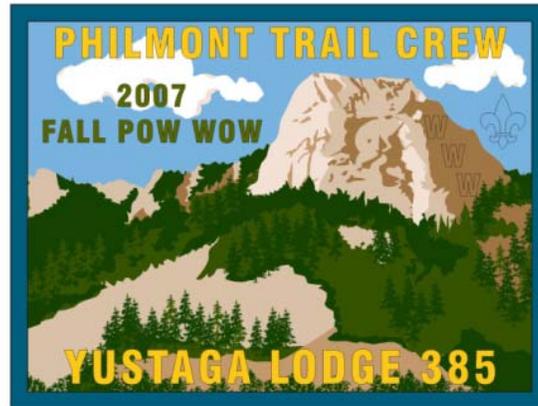
On the last page of this "Osprey" newsletter, is a Lodge Registration Form. Please return your Form and Brotherhood Conversion Fee of \$18.00 by the deadline date so that we can make proper plans.

I look forward to seeing you at the Brotherhood ceremony as you seal your membership in the Order. Congratulations on this rewarding opportunity.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Michael Kirkland  
Yustaga Lodge Chief

## Adults Wanted!

Are you an adult Arrowman who is unsure of your place and role in the OA and the lodge? Fear not! Please make plans to attend a special training session at the Fall Pow Wow with Lodge Adviser Jim Matson and other key lodge and chapter leadership, where we will hopefully answer any questions you may have about your role as an adult in the OA, and maybe even identify some areas where we can use your expertise and talents to help our lodge. This non-intimidating session will be open to all adult arrowmen. Hope to see you there!



## Event Schedule for Fall Pow Wow 2007

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
5:00-7:00 pm	Member Check-in	(Henson Hall)	3:30	Brotherhood Sign-Off	(Dining Hall)
	Silent Patch Auction begins		5:00	Ordeal Projects End	
7:00-8:00	Candidate Check-in	(Dining Hall)	5:30	Brotherhood Hike	(Trading Post)
8:30	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony	(Creek Campsite)	5:45	Ordeal Candidates assemble	(Big Heart)
9:00	Cracker-barrel	(Dining Hall)	6:00	Ordeal Ceremony	(OA Circle)
	OA Jeopardy	(Dining Hall)	6:15	Brotherhood Ceremony	(e)
	Youth-only Patch Auction	(Dining Hall)	7:00	Assembly & Colors	(Dining Hall)
12:00 am	Taps		7:05	Supper	(Dining Hall)
			8:15	Show	(Whipple Circle)
			9:45	Cracker-barrel	(Dining Hall)
				Movie	(Dining Hall)
				Silent Patch Auction Ends	(Dining Hall)
				Patch Auction	(Dining Hall)
			12:00am	Taps	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:25 am	Assembly & Colors	(Dining Hall)	7:30am	Assembly	(Dining Hall)
7:30	Member Breakfast	(Dining Hall)	7:35	Breakfast	(Dining Hall)
	Ordeal Candidates Breakfast	(Big Heart)	8:15	Scout's Own	(Deere Chapel)
8:30	Brotherhood Training Begins	(Dining Hall)	8:45	Break Camp/Check Out	
	Ordeal Projects Start			**Everyone must check out in Henson Hall before they leave camp**	
8:30-12:05	Training Sessions		9:30	LEC Meeting	(Henson Hall)
12:15-1:00 pm	Member Lunch	(Dining Hall)			
12:15-1:00	Vigil Luncheon	(Henson Hall)			
	Ordeal Candidates Lunch	(Big Heart)			
1:00	Ordeal Projects Resume				
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	(as announced)			

All activities, times, and locations are subject to change. A final schedule will be available during check in.

# Lodge Registration Form

		Quantity	Totals
2008 Dues (until November 30)	\$7.00	_____	_____
Pow Wow Early Registration [Must be received in the Scout office by 9/7/07]	\$15.00	_____	_____
Pow Wow Late Registration [Received on or after 9/8/2007]	\$20.00	_____	_____
Pay-at-the-Door Registration	\$25.00	_____	_____
Extra Pow Wow patches	\$3.00	_____	_____
Brotherhood Conversion Fee	\$18.00	_____	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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 FALL POW WOW TODAY!!!