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GET READY FOR SECTION CONFERENCE 2007

April 13-15, 2007 At Camp Shands - Hawthorne, FL



Section Conference 2007 is just around the corner, and NOW is the time to start planning. The Section Conference is a meeting of all seven of the lodges in Section 4 South, which covers all of Florida except for the area served by the Gulf Coast Council. Delegations from each lodge come together for a weekend of competitions, training and fellowship, complete with great shows, exciting demonstrations, and opportunities to learn more about the Order in general.



Semialachee Lodge will be sending a delegation to the Conference, and YOU need to be a part of it. Attending a Section Conference is different from any lodge weekend; there's more to do than you CAN do in a single weekend. This is a good time to discover new parts of the Order you might like to be involved with, or just to enjoy the fellowship.



The Section 4 South Conference is generally the third largest event in Scouting, after NOAC and the National Jamboree. The slogan of this year's conference is "First a spark, now a flame." The schedule is filled with a variety of activities. Friday night will kick off with an opening show that introduces the theme of the weekend, followed by a Cracker Barrel. Saturday will include training opportunities on subjects like how to run a lodge weekend, how to promote the OA in your troop, Leave No Trace, etc.



Chances are, if you're a lodge officer, or if you're interested in doing something for the lodge, you can find a class to help you get where you want to be. Aside from training, competitions will also be offered. Every year the Quest for the Golden Arrow challenges lodge members in several physical contests that are both tough and occasionally funny. The traditional Lodge Adviser Sink-a-thon is a favorite, or perhaps you might test your OA smarts in a game of OA Jeopardy.

Semialachee will also be involved in several competitions and evaluations. The lodge website, its publications, and its ceremonies teams are a few examples. Watching these evaluations can be one of the best parts of a conference, because each lodge puts out its best efforts for the evaluations – it's a good way to learn different ways of doing things.

The cost of attending the conference with Semialachee Lodge is \$42.00, which covers your conference fee, patch, and transportation to and from the weekend. You'll also want to bring along extra money for a meal on the road en route to and from the event. Check out the enclosed registration form for payment details. Check out the page for Section Conference 2007 on the website for details about what to bring and when we'll leave and return.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

For Arrowmen AND Everyone Else!



The lodge has several upcoming service opportunities planned. Our Spring Community Service weekend at the Girl Scouts Camp For All Seasons is just around the corner. It is currently scheduled for March 24th, depending on the camp ranger's schedule. Look for more details in the next issue of *The Quarterly* and on the lodge website.

In addition to our traditional community service weekend, the lodge also plans to hold a council-wide camp work-day at Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation to coincide with our Spring Fellowship, May 18-20, 2007. This opportunity will be extended to all Boy Scout and Cub Scout units, so look for more information in the announcement going to Unit Leaders and on the lodge website.

Finally, the Cub Family Weekend will be held April 20-22 at Camp Pineywoods, and the lodge is traditionally asked to play a role in the program. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Staff Adviser Daniel McMillan at (850)-576-4146.

Unit Elections


Are You on the Schedule?



Each year units hold elections to choose Scouts for candidacy to the Order of the Arrow. YOU, as arrowmen, are needed to assist in that process. We need arrowmen to help schedule and conduct elections in our troops council-wide. **We need arrowmen from all around Georgia and Florida to assist.** If you would like to help, please contact the Vice-Chief of Inductions, Brody Enwright at unitelections@semialchee.net. Reminder, each unit must schedule it's election through the Unit Elections Committee. Scoutmasters should have received letters with the appropriate instructions. If your unit has NOT received these instructions or need further information, have your Scoutmaster contact Brody Enwright. The deadline for elections ins May 31, 2007

REMINDER:

Are YOU an OA Troop Representative? Make sure you have registered your position with the lodge and have paid your dues! Registration form available online.



Lodge Banquet Report

It Was a Night to Remember...



This month the lodge held its Annual Lodge Family Banquet at Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee. The event was well-attended, and dinner was reported to be very good. The program included a presentation from NOAC 2006, comments from Scout Executive Chuck Ezell, the Leadership in Service Awards, Lodge Adviser Ken Griffin's announcement of his selection as Section 4-S Associate Adviser, and information about national programs. Many thanks to the Banquet Committee for their hard work in planning this event.

Quality Lodge Pins

Pre-Order Yours Now!



Semialachee Lodge earned Quality Lodge status in 2006! Show your pride with the NEW Quality Lodge pin, shown at right. It is worn on the lodge flap to show other Arrowmen that you belong to a quality program. \$1.50 pick-up or \$2.00 mailed. Pre-order with Shelley at the Council Service Center. Should arrive early March!



Visit us online!



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Winter Fellowship 2007

Join us at Wallwood for a Great Event!



The lodge will host its Winter Fellowship at Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation February 9-11. The Program Committee is hard at work preparing a sensational array of activities for lodge members. Because we will be performing a number of service projects in the coming months, this weekend has been reserved as a FUN-ONLY fellowship. A patch design was just approved by the LEC, and may appear soon on the lodge website.

As always, the fellowship weekend is an opportunity for lodge members to come together for fun and brotherhood, good food, and great activities. You can be sure some patch trading will be happening in the evenings, and there'll be a good cracker barrel and movie Friday night. Interested members will have the opportunity to seal their membership in the Brotherhood. For more information about Brotherhood membership, check out the lodge website and look under Info for Members. Also be sure to note your intention to take advantage of this opportunity on your registration form. A \$15.00 additional fee to cover your new sash is required.

Plan to arrive between 6 and 7 PM. The program will kick off around 7:00 with the movie and any announcements that need to be made. While a cracker barrel will be served, we encourage you to eat before arriving, or bring something with you. Departure time should be about 10 AM on Sunday. Look on the lodge website under Info for Members >> Lodge Functions for details about what to bring. Any updates about the weekend will appear on the fellowship's page in the lodge calendar. You can register for the Winter Fellowship using the enclosed form – payment details are included as well. We hope to see you at the Winter Fellowship!



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Semialachee Lodge 239 Calendar 2006-2007

December 2006

- 1-3 Fall Fellowship
- 7 LEC Meeting

January 2007

- 4 LEC Meeting
- 9 OA Banquet

February 2007

- 1 LEC Meeting
- 9-11 Winter Fellowship

March 2007

- 1 LEC Meeting
- 3 Council Banquet (Founder's Awards)
- 10 Spring Lodge Ldrshp Develop. Confer.
- 24 Spring Community Service Day

April 2007

- 5 LEC Meeting
- 13-15 Section S-45 Conference

May 2007

- 3 LEC Meeting
- 18-20 Spring Fellowship / Makeup Ordeal
- 19 Council-Wide Wallwood Workday


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