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THE SHOULDER PATCH ISSUE

FROM THE PUBLISHERS

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The CSP Issue. Longtime readers of the newsletter know that the Summer issue is somewhat thin, especially in years without a National Jamboree or a National Order of the Arrow Conference. And they also know that the newsletter usually has more OA items that council shoulder patches.

But this summer is different. The centennial World Jamboree has led to more patches by councils and lodges than ever before, both as an emblem of participation and as a fundraiser. A few councils are now making special patches as a recognition of a specific service, such as for commissioners, those that recruit commissioners, and participants active in fundraising campaigns. We have often mocked certain fundraiser items, such as the "Friend Of Scouting" shoulder patches as FO\$ items, but the distribution of multiple items for the same year needs no additional punch lines.

2007 World Jamboree. As this is being written, the centennial World Jamboree is going on in England. While so many councils and lodges are making their own items for the event, thinking that creating the "hot trader" items will be just like other national events, attendees at previous world Jamborees say that the most-sought items are uniform parts, not patches.

National OA programs. In 2008 the Order of the Arrow will be carrying out service projects in five National Forests across America, with the goal of having 5,000 participants total. With one year to go, National is making available a set of patches for the program, called ArrowCorps5. To order, go to the National OA Trading Post site, located at <http://bsa-orderofthearrow.cmail2.com/l/221835/4ijlilj/tradingpost.oa-bsa.org>

OA Chapter stuff. A large number of the OA items pictured in this issue are from chapters, with all but one coming from chapters that have previously made several patches in their histories. But from what we hear, a lot more is on the way, including from chapters that have never made anything else

before. The OA Handbook may state that chapters cannot have treasuries under their own control, but that doesn't stop insignia from being made for "special" reasons.

Camp Flying Eagle. Just a few years ago, Southwest Florida Council was celebrating the 75th anniversary of Camp Flying Eagle, a property near Bradenton that was inherited from the dissolution of the old Sunnyland Council. This camp was where Calusa 219 and Eckale Yakanen 552 were founded, and the host facility for several Area 6-E and Florida Section events.

But while the celebration was going on, the council has had plans to sell the property. And with civilization encroaching on their borders, the land is becoming more and more valuable. Manatee County officials, however, had put several roadblocks along the way, to keep such a sale from occurring. In August, the council and county officials averted court action by agreeing to re-classify the camp property in the county's comprehensive plan, back from recreational use to potential residential use, thus opening the door for a potential sale. According to the description of the agreement, the council has 10 years to sell the property, or else the property reverts back to recreational use. If it is sold, the council must create a new camp in or near Manatee County. So it appears that Camp Flying Eagle may soon join a list of other Florida Camps (Sebring, Semialachee, Francis Johnson) that have been sold for development.

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NEW (?) FLAP POLICY FROM NATIONAL

Operations Guide 07-08, released on August 15, to appear in future issues of the OA Handbook.

Lodge pocket flap. Cloth lodge emblems ("flaps") are made available by most lodges. National policy requires that these pocket flap patches be made of, and embroidered on, cloth, and must be of a size and shape so as to cover the right breast pocket flap and not extend beyond the outer edge of the uniform pocket flap. They usually show the lodge name and totem. All OA patches must include "BSA" or the Boy Scout emblem in their patch designs. Chapter or clan flaps are not permitted. There will be no honor distinction denoted by the flap or flap border. Beading of flaps is against uniform and insignia policy. The national Order of the Arrow committee recommends that no restrictions be placed on the purchase of lodge flap patches. *Members may only wear the lodge pocket flap of the lodge where their dues are paid.*

If the lodge has been certified as a National Quality Lodge, members of the lodge may wear a Quality Lodge pin on the pocket flap. *Only the most recent pin awarded may be worn*, and it must be mounted against the left vertical border of the flap.

Much of this has already been in the Handbook and regarded as longstanding, but ignored, policy. But once the news of this new printing made it to Patch-L, all heck broke loose, like someone's dog was run over.

LODGE 265, BEFORE O-SHOT-CAW

To the non-informed, it may seem strange that O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 is a "younger" lodge than those with higher numbers, such as Tipisa 326 or Timuquan 340. And while O-Shot-Caw dates its founding back to 1955, the number "265" wasn't always associated with O-Shot-Caw, nor was it the only lodge associated with South Florida Council.

Once upon a time, there was an Ala-Paw-Taw Lodge 265. Not to be confused with Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237, in neighboring Gulf Stream Council, Ala-Paw-Taw 265 appears to have been created in 1944 (Ouxouiga Lodge 264 and Thunder City Lodge 266 were both founded that same year, according to OAimages.com). As with many lodges back then, no one kept track of the early history of the activities of the organization, and almost nothing is known of the membership, officers, advisors, or the reasons for the end of the lodge. At this point, trying to determine when Ala-Paw-Taw Lodge was dissolved would be conjecture.

Chris Jensen recently came across some letters that deal with the establishment of O-Shot-Caw 265, specifically with their first petition for Vigil Honor nominees, and has shared these letters with the Newsletter (see the copies on the next two pages). In the first letter (July 16, 1956), Lodge Advisor Paul M. Brick wrote to Area Director Paul Conover, with some questions about the bestowment of the Vigil at the "National Conclave", which may have been a reference to the 1956 National Conference. The second letter, from Mr. Brick to the National Secretary of the Order of the Arrow (August 8, 1956), accompanied the petition for the three nominees. The letter referenced problems in securing "proper information from the old Lodges of the candidates", and the membership of O-Shot-Caw, "including 17 members transferred or re-inserted from the old Ala-Paw-Taw Lodge here, 25 Brotherhood members, and one Vigil member."

July 16, 1956

Mr. Paul Conover,
Area Advispr,
Pinellas Council
Boy Scouts of America
St. Petersburg
Fla.

Dear Paul;

Our Lodge has approved the Vigil applications of our Lodge Chief and Vice Chief, Joe and Dick Galeano, but we wanted to do so without letting them know in advance of the National Conclave where they would be raised to that Honor.

Do you think that it would be possible for the application to be signed by someone other than either of the above two, who are supposed to sign the application? We would appreciate an early reply so that we could send the blank to National Office, in time for action.

My best personal regards to you and your family,

Sincerely,

Paul M. Brick
Paul M. Brick
Advisor.

August 5, 1956

National Secretary, Order of the Arrow
Camping Service
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, N.J.

The three enclosed Vigil applications are the first such from our recently re-organized Lodge, and are in behalf of our present Chief and Vice-Chief, and one other outstanding Brother.

We realize the short time for processing that is left, but a major problem was in securing proper information from the old Lodges of the candidates, necessitating two or more requests. This has caused us to sharpen our own records to a fine edge, so that we shall not hold anyone up, ourselves.

Area Advisor Paul Conover, has given us permission to have Scout Executive Macfarlane, and myself sign these, since we hope that it will be a really unexpected honor if the Galeanos might be able to be tapped for Vigil at the coming National Meeting. In the case of Brother Hollis we shall then be able to arrange here for a proper tap-out ceremony.

Our present total membership of 122 includes 17 members transferred or re-instated from the old Ala-Paw-Taw Lodge here, 25 Brotherhood members, and one Vigil member.

My thanks and best personal regards to you,

Faternally,

Paul M. Brick
Paul M. Brick, D.S.E.
Lodge Advisor

NEW ISSUES

Usually we start with OA items, but this time, we will begin with the councils and their new shoulder patch items. The South Florida World Jamboree contingent, made up of members from West Central, Florida, South Florida, Southwest Florida, and Gulf Stream councils, had matching designs, each with GLD (\$5 each) and GMY (\$25 each) borders. Two lodges in this contingent (Aal-Pa-Tah 237 and O-Shot-Caw 265) also have matching flaps, with the same border colors and prices.

> **Central Florida Council** has been especially busy in the last few months. For their 85th anniversary, they produced three strips, that were rather unimaginative, design-wise. They were made to resemble the old red & white shoulder patches from the 1950s and 1960s. Two are twill (MRD twill, no tags between letters across the top, 4 mm tall "85 YRS.", 1.5 mm thick letters, 1000 made; darker MRD twill, tags between letters across top, 5 mm tall "85 YRS.", 2 mm thick letters, "Scout Stuff" plastic backing, 100 made), the third is solid embroidery (500 made, with WHT "THANK YOU"). Also made was a set of four strips, reserved for commissioners and for recruiters of commissioners. The pieces in the set are identical, except for borders representing recruitment levels: RED (one recruit; 140 made), WHT (two recruits, 50 made), BLU (three recruits, 30 made), and GLD (four recruits, 30 made).

> Almost as busy was **West Central Florida Council**, with five new patches. They are celebrating their 90th anniversary with two CSPs (one with a national BSA logo, the other with a palm tree design; 500 made of each). And two World Jamboree JSPs (GLD border, 90 made; GMY border, 40 made). Last was their FO\$ patch for 2007 ("LOYAL"). The council has also allowed Troop 30 from Dunedin to make their own shoulder patch.

> We showed two FO\$ strip from **Gulf Coast Council** in the last issue (photo chromatic and full color backgrounds), but two more FO\$ items have been produced, one with a RED background, the other with a DBL

background. Two JSPs were made for the World Jamboree (BLU bdr, troop members; WHT border, troop leaders and members on staff positions).

> **Gulf Stream Council** has made their new FO\$ item for 2007 ("KIND"). Additionally, the council made two more for thanking those that have given service to Camp Tanah Keeta this year (SMY bdr, 40 hours of service; GMY bdr, 80 hours). The council's contingent to the World Jamboree has two shoulder patches; GLD border (190 made), and GMY border (115 made).

> **North Florida Council** has made another FO\$ strip for this year, the same design as the 2007 issue ("OBEDIENT"), but in a GRN monochrome. According to the council's finance chairman, only 75 were made, to thank those that either made fundraising presentations to units, or participated in a three-day telephone fundraising campaign.

> **South Florida Council's** World Jamboree contingent has two JSPs (GLD border, 310 made; GMY border, 95 made).

> From **Southwest Florida Council** comes their annual FO\$ strip for 2007 (\$125 donation), and their two World Jambo JSPs (GLD border, 100 made; GMY border, 50 made). Two other SAPs have been made, for their Silver Beaver Association (GRN border; SMY border). No pictures are available at this time.

> **Suwannee River Area Council** has issued their own FO\$ for 2007 (\$200 donation). No special theme for this CSP.

Now for OA issues....

> **O-Shot-Caw 265** has finally made their new, regular issue flap (**S-119**), with thousands produced. Their two World Jamboree flaps are also available (**S-120**, GLD border, 200 made; **S-121**, GMY border, 75 made).

* **Nok-Su Chapter** has issued two patches (**X-6**, RED single seat kayak design, \$5; **X-7**, LBL two seat kayak design, \$10) with 100 made of each. These have been made to raise funds to purchase sea kayaks for the

Camp Sawyer aquatic program. Two patches were made for their 2007 Conch Crazy Weekend: one with a school of angelfish for attendees (100 made) and one for the Vigil Breakfast (35 made).

> **Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237** has their matching south Florida World Jamboree contingent flaps (**S-91**, GLD border, 810 made; **S-92**, GMY border, 215 made).

> The fundraising patch for **Tipisa Lodge 326's** museum is a chenille (**C-7**). It is double-sided, and 200 were made.

* **Woapalanne Chapter** came out with their latest (**X-3**), celebrating the resumption of the space shuttle program, but with the date of 2006.

* **Takachsin Chapter** released their first patch (**X-1**) after finally getting approval from National Supply (see the last issue of the newsletter for details).

* **Tomoka Chapter** staffed their district's Spring Camporee, with the patch made for all participants. Images of the lodge and chapter totem are in silhouette, but the chapter's name is not featured.

> **Echokotee Lodge 200** sold a pin (**PIN-7**) that is a full-color rendition of the two chiefs, found on the lodge's 2007 S-4S Conference Host flaps.

* **Onathequa Chapter** attended the 2007 Nok-Su Chapter Conch Crazy Weekend, and made a patch to raise money for gas and tolls. The design is a rendition of the chapter's owl totem, looking like a tourist, standing in front of the Southernmost Point marker, a Key West landmark. The design has given the chapter ideas for more "touristy" designs for future trips.

> **Osceola Lodge 564** has made 35 Elangomat medals for 2007, to go along with the 2006 version.

> **Timuquan Lodge 340's Yahi Yaha Chapter** re-ordered their emblem (**X-6**; BRN mylar border; 77 x 104 mm), correcting the mistake made with their earlier, mini-size patch.

> And two patches that are look like lodge flaps, but are not. A proposal had been made to the Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Lodge Executive Committee, to produce a flap to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of Tanah

Keeta Scout Reservation for summer camp. The LEC rejected the proposed designs, and were unable to revise the designs in time to be approved. The revised designs were later made and sold by the council, and a few have been worn on the pocket flap reserved for a patch representing OA lodge membership.

THE RUMOR MILL

* **Echokotee Lodge 200** recently suffered the passing of John Puthuff, a long-time chapter advisor and Vigil Honor member. The lodge is considering a memorial patch, and **Oglala Chapter** may produce one of their own, either separate from or a part of a "Best All-Around Chapter" patch. **Saturiwa Chapter** is planning on at least one emblem of their own, in honor of one of their own members that recently passed away.

* Tipisa 326's **Tomoka Chapter** will be celebrating their 50th anniversary, with the sale of a jacket patch, three pocket patches (anniversary patch with GMY border, a GLD monochrome, and a "first meeting date" commemorative), and two neckerchiefs (satin and cotton). These are expected to be available in September.



(above) 2008 ArrowCorps5 patches, for the five areas where the service projects will be conducted. Currently available from the National Order of the Arrow Trading Post website at <http://bsa-orderofthearrow.cmail2.com/l/221835/4ijlilj/tradingpost.oa-bsa.org>



237-S-91 2007 World Jamboree; GLD border; sold for \$5 each; 810 made.



265-S-121 2007 World Jamboree; GMY border; sold for \$25 each as a fundraiser; 75 made.



237-S-92 2007 World Jamboree; GMY border; sold for \$25 each as a fundraiser; 215 made.



265-S-119 2007; new regular issue



265-S-120 2007 World Jamboree; GLD border; sold for \$5 each; 200 made.



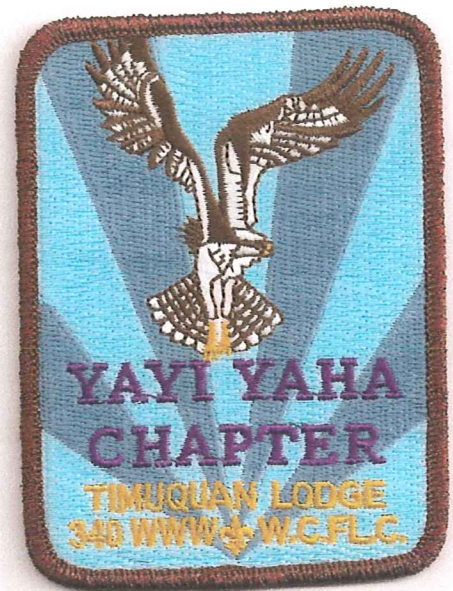
2007 Section S-4S Conference Ordeal Luncheon; 400 made.



2007 Section S-4S Conference Vigil Reunion; 400 made.



326-C-7 2007; Joe Cyr OA Museum Dedication (above) front of double-sided chenille. (below) embroidered back of chenille. 200 made.



340 Yahi Yaha Chapter X-6 2007; BRN mylar border; 77 x 104 mm



326 Woapalanne Chapter X-3; 2007 (dated 2006)

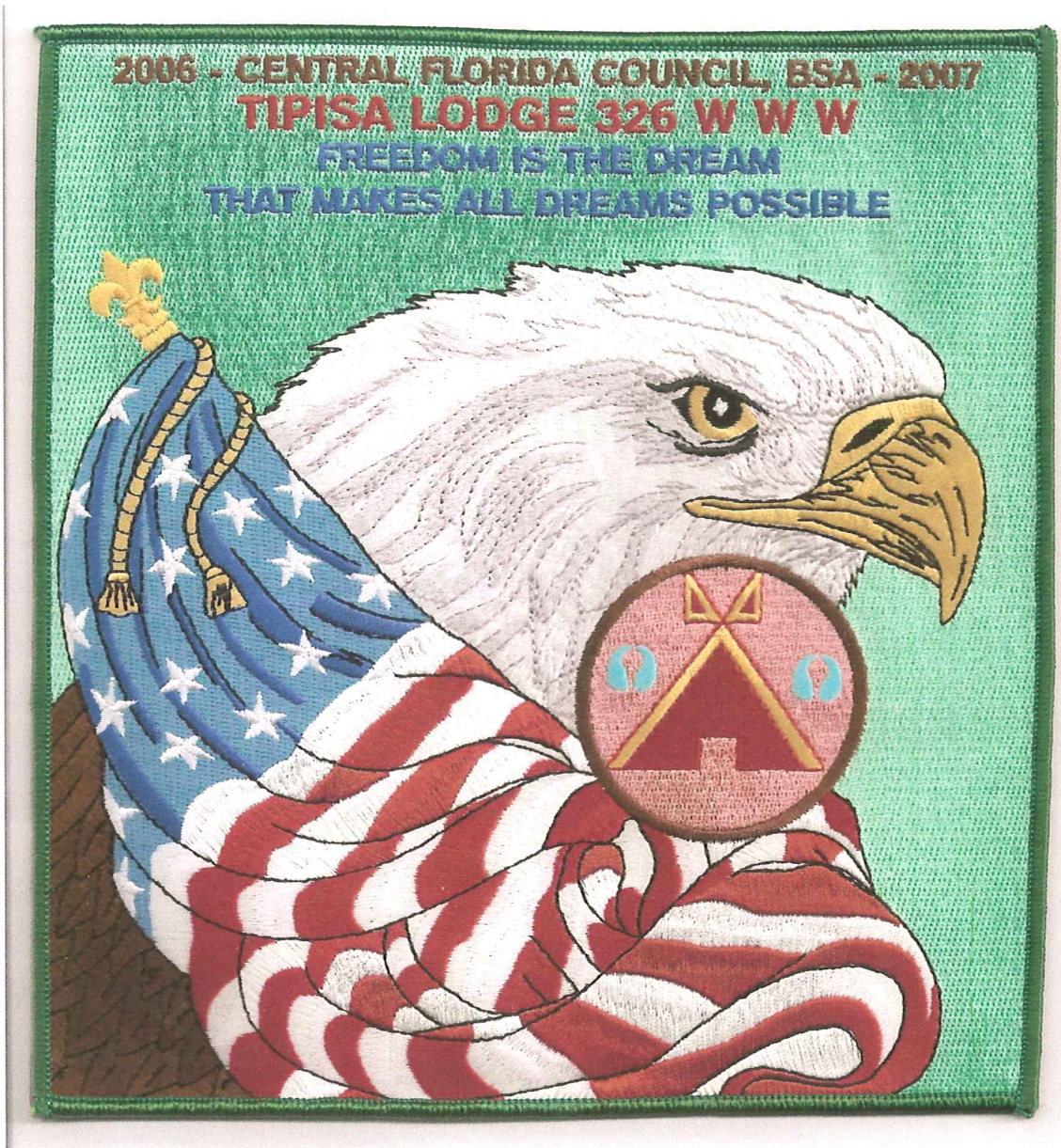


265 Nok-Su Chapter 2007 Conch Craziiness (above) attendee patch. (below) Vigil Breakfast patch; 35 made.



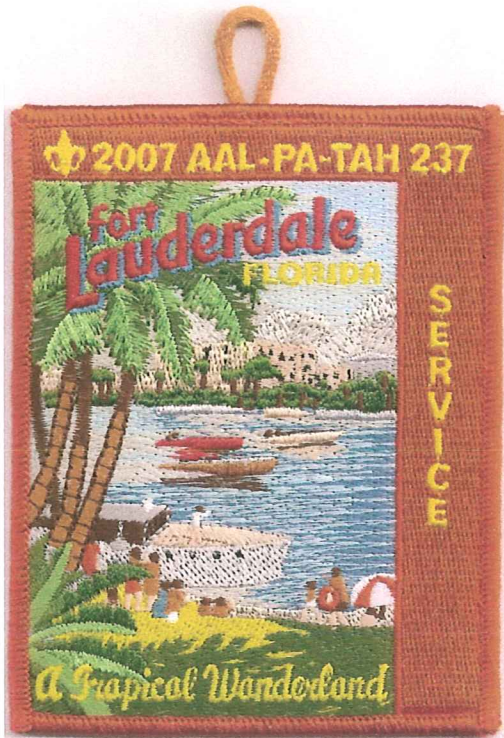
(above) 265 Summer Ordeal. Part of 2007 series "Indians of the Southeast" (below) 326 Service Weekend. Part of 2006-07 series "Ceremonies".





326 (above) 2006-2007 year patch. (below, left) Tomoka Chapter 2007 Halifax District Spring Camporee. (below, right) Takachsin Chapter X-1; sold 2007.





237 Service Weekend 2007.
Part of 2007 series "Florida
Tourist Art".

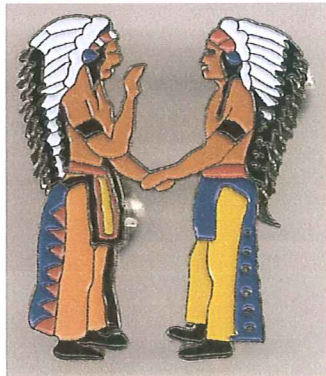


340 2006-2007 Year patch. Part of 2006-07 series
"Branches of the Military". Design uses elements from
four of the weekend patches used in the series
(original design rejected).



(above) 200 Onathequa
Chapter 2007 Conch
Craziness Weekend
contingent. Sold as a
fundraiser for those attending
the Nok-Su Chapter hosted
event.

(right) 200 PIN-7 2007; full
color totem of the two chiefs
on the lodge's 2007 S-4S
Conference Host flaps. 600
made.



(below) 239 Spring Fellowship 2007.





Central Florida Council 2007; 85th anniversary, solid embroidery; "Thank You"; 500 made.



Central Florida Council 2007; 85th anniversary, twill. 1.5 mm thick letters; no tags between lettering; 4 mm tall "85 YRS"; 1000 made.



Central Florida Council 2007; 85th anniversary, twill. Tags between lettering; 2 mm thick letters; 5 mm tall "85 YRS"; darker RED twill; 100 made?



Central Florida Council 2007; Commissioner Team, RED bdr. Recruiting one commissioner. 140 made



Central Florida Council 2007; Commissioner Team, WHT bdr. Recruiting two commissioners. 50 made.



Central Florida Council 2007; Commissioner Team, BLU bdr. Recruiting three commissioners. 30 made.



Central Florida Council 2007; Commissioner Team, GLD bdr. Recruiting four commissioners; 30 made.



Gulf Coast Council 2007 FO\$; BLU background.



Gulf Coast Council 2007 FO\$; RED background.



Gulf Coast Council 2007 World Jamboree; BLU border. Issued to troop members.



Gulf Coast Council 2007 World Jamboree; WHT border. Issued to troop leaders and staff.



Gulf Stream Council 2007; Service to Camp Tanah Keeta; SMY bdr; 40 hours of service.



Gulf Stream Council 2007; Service to Camp Tanah Keeta; GMY bdr; 80 hours of service.



Gulf Stream Council 2007; FO\$



Gulf Stream Council 2007 World Jamboree, GLD border. Sold at \$5 each; 190 made.



Gulf Stream Council 2007 World Jamboree, GMY border. Sold at \$25 each as a fundraiser; 115 made.



North Florida Council 2007 FO\$; GRN monochrome. Given to presenters of the Family Investment In Character campaign, and telephone solicitors. 75 made.



South Florida Council 2007 World Jamboree, GLD border. Sold at \$5 each; 310 made.



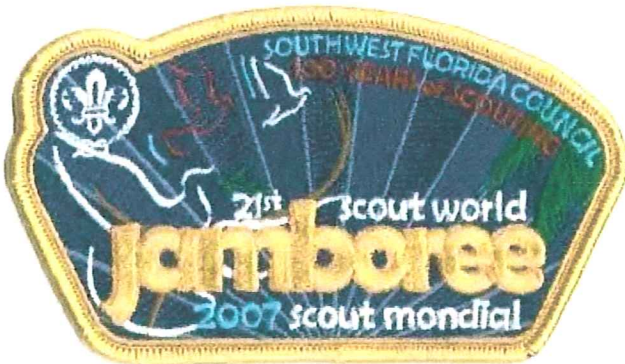
Southwest Florida Council 2007 FO\$



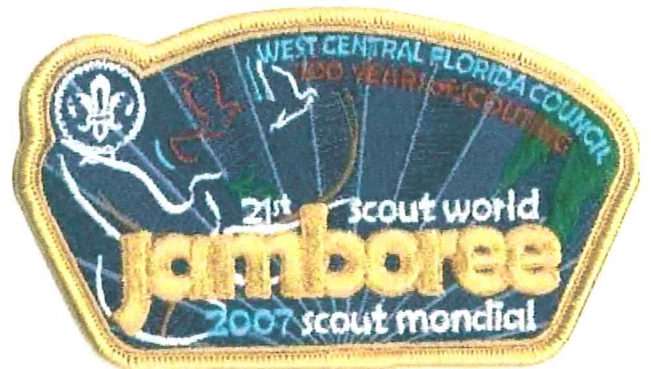
South Florida Council 2007 World Jamboree, GMY border. Sold at \$25 each as a fundraiser; 95 made.



West Central Florida Council 2007 FO\$



Southwest Florida Council 2007 World Jamboree, GLD border. Sold at \$5 each; 100 made.



West Central Florida Council 2007 World Jamboree, GLD border. Sold at \$5 each; 90 made.



Southwest Florida Council 2007 World Jamboree, GMY border. Sold at \$25 each as a fundraiser; 50 made.



West Central Florida Council 2007 World Jamboree, GMY border. Sold at \$25 each as a fundraiser; 40 made.



West Central Florida Council Troop 30 (Dunedin, FL). PRIVATE ISSUE.



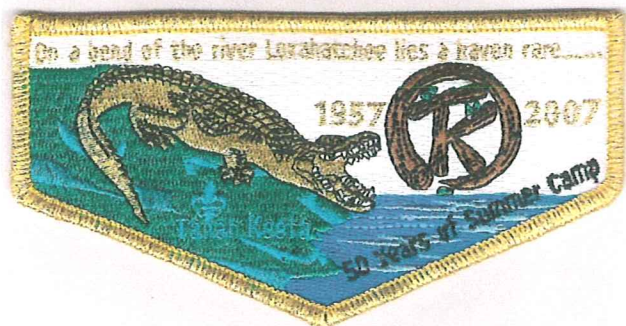
West Central Florida Council 2007; 90th anniversary; BSA logo design.



West Central Florida Council 2007; 90th anniversary; palm tree design.



Suwannee River Area Council 2007 FO\$



Flap-shaped patches sold by Gulf Stream Council for the 50th anniversary of Summer Camp at Tanah Keeta. Not issues of Aal-Pa-Tah 237.



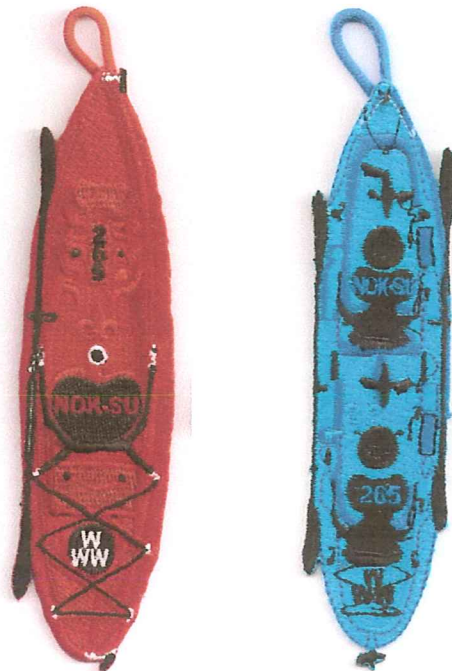
340 Prototype of a chenille considered and rejected; believed that two were made (one for the lodge, another by the vendor). In July 2007, the piece owned by the vendor was sold on eBay, as the vendor has gone out of business.



(above, left) 564 2006 Elangomat medal (right) 2007 Elangomat medal. (below) 2007 Summer Ordeal. Part of 2007 series, depicting Seminole patchwork shirts.



385 2007 Ordeal.



265 Nok-Su Chapter (left) X-6 2007; one-seat kayak in RED; fundraiser; sold for \$5 each; 100 made. (right) X-7 2007; two-seat kayak in LBL; fundraiser; sold for \$10 each; 100 made. Both made to raise money for sea kayaks for the Camp Sawyer Aquatic Camp.



Gulf Coast Council 2007 World Jamboree; part of a seven JSP set from the contingent's councils in Alabama.



Gulf Stream Council 2006; Commissioner Service; GLD border. 84 x 130 mm. Council name in WHT letters; stars on FDL; ORG log.



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