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2008 SECTION S-4S CONFERENCE
The last S-4S Conference, ever

FROM THE EDITORS

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We're late, again. But we hope it is worth it. This may be the largest issue that we have had, with more than 24 pages. This has been a busy three months since the previous issue, with the Section Conference, new ArrowCorps5 items, and some significant National and Regional news.

As we mentioned on the cover, 2008 was the last Section S-4S Conference, as the Florida section will bring back the three southern lodges from Georgia: Pilthlako 229, Alapaha 545, and Immokalee 353. This is a return to the designation of S-4, with the same roster as we had from 1993-1997. As a result, we will likely be including their items in the Newsletter, as best as we can.

Our apologies to Roger Ward, as he had been a big supporter of the Newsletter for many years, even back before we went digital. Last issue, we forgot to include his full page advertisement in the initial roll-out of the issue. We'll do better next time.

Back to the cover. The recent Section Conference was pretty good, being able to see the familiar faces and participate in the weekend programs. But, where are the traders? Once upon a time, the patch collectors would take up most of the circus tent during the evenings; this year it was a small gathering of thread-heads in one corner.

Looking back. Earlier this year, Robert had purchased on eBay a collection of the old Newsletters that a former subscriber had kept for many years. This included almost all of the

issues from 1991 (yes, we made a single test issue back then), all the way to 2000. Looking back at the news, the layout, and the quality, the conclusion that can be reached is: gosh we were bad!

It was a reminder of how far we have come with this. In the early days, back before the Internet (as hard as it to imagine), scanners were extremely expensive, and the ability to copy patches for publishing was limited. In order to have presentable pictures, half-tones would need to be created, and each issue would end up costing almost \$100 to produce.

And then along came scanners. Except that even in the mid 1990s, they cost almost \$1000. Robert used to borrow computer account access from employees that were students at the University of Florida, just to borrow one of the two scanners on campus.

Since then, news became easier to gather, through e-mail, PATCH-L and ARROW-L. Ebay had just begun to gear up, and mail auctions were starting to fade away into history. But we still needed excuses as to why we were running late.

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2008 SECTION S-4S CONFERENCE

Camp Flying Eagle was the host of the last (and we do mean, the last) Section S-4S Conference. The weekend was hosted by Osceola Lodge 564, and attracted over 1000 Arrowmen from across the state. Besides the usual program of training, native American events, inter-lodge competitions, there were patches and other memorabilia.

- [] pocket patch #1; with pocket loop
- [] pocket patch #2; no pocket loop
- [] jacket patch
- [] neckerchief
- [] chenille
- [] pin #1; metal
- [] pin #2; plastic (participation award)
- [] neckerchief slide
- [] bolo
- [] Vigil Breakfast patch
- [] VIA (Ordeal Luncheon) patch

The second annual Golf Tournament was held on the Friday afternoon of the conference, with items made for that event as well:

- [] 2008 Golf Tournament patch

- [] "Maury Clancy Fundraiser Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum" embroidered luggage tag (S-4S embroidered in the background).

This was the first time that the design for a Florida Conference included a depiction of a woman (even it looks like she has no feet). The design of most Conference patches usually include a version of the host lodge's totem, but not this year. The neckerchief for the conference was the jacket patch, sewn onto a green cloth. The design of the chenille and metal items are a depiction of the Calusa Lodge 219 totem, a black eagle. This was the first Section Conference held at Camp Flying Eagle since 1992, when it was hosted by Eckale Yakanen 552.

Along with this being the last year of the S-4S Conference, this may have been the last year of metal items, such as pins and slides. The price of metal has been going up over the last two years, and the cost of finished metal items has more than doubled, leading to diminished profits. In order to make up for this lost revenue source, future events may need higher fees, extra embroidered items, or a combination of the two.



South Florida Council 2008 artwork for Irish National Jamboree contingent items

NEW ISSUES

From the 2008 Section S-4S Conference:

+ **Osceola 564** made the most of their hosting duties, with several new emblems. Three Host flaps (**S-41**, GRN border; **S-42**, YEL border; **S-43**, PUR border with WHT "WETAHIMUI"). Along with a jacket patch (J-3), a pocket dangle (**X-17**), and a neckerchief (**N-12**). A host chenille has been promised, but had not been ordered prior to the conference. A total of seven of the S-43 were made without the WHT WETAHIMUI (an error?), and these were to be given to special people involved with running the Conference.

+ An inadvertent host item was created out of a patch for those that participated in the event's blood donation drive. This patch was available to anyone, but the verbage on the bottom "OSCEOLA HOST" makes it a host item (**X-18**).

+ Section Conference contingent patches were made by **O-Shot-Caw 265**, **Aal-Pa-Tah 237**, and **Echokotee 200**.

+ ArrowCorps5 has been the purpose for new patches, this time a single flap from **Timuquan 340 (S-54; 300 made; \$3 each)**, and three two piece sets from **O-Shot-Caw 265 (S-123 with X-45, RED mylar border, \$15; S-124 with X-46, GRN mylar border, \$25; S-125 with X-47; same as S-123/ X-45 with DELEGATE, 2/ attendee)**. **Aal-Pa-Tah 237** has made a single flap (**S-93, 1200 made**), but with three different chevrons (**X-56**, George Washington and Jefferson; **X-57**, Mark Twain; **X-58**, Bridger-Teton; 300 of each made). No chevron was sold without a flap. Another fundraiser patch was made (**X-55, \$10 each**) that matches the first year patch for 2008, but in a size that matches that of the weekend activity patches. Previous to these was a patch for their ScoutReach program (**X-54**).

+ Even Section S-4S has made some ArrowCorps5 items of their own, with two "helmet" patches for the lodges to sell. The YEL helmet is \$5, the WHT helmet is \$25.

The Section made another item, to celebrate several accomplishments (all lodes were named "Quality" lodges; highest Brotherhood Conversion rate; highest

attendance at OA High Adventure programs, home of the 2007 Region Chief). But, it must be said that this is one of the uglier patches the Section has made. The area of the region represented by S-4S is very small, several states were represented by the color of fuchsia, and the loop for the patch was put in the wrong place, leaving anyone wearing the patch having something listing at a 60 degree angle.

+ New chapter patches have been made by **Tipisa 326's Lemhee-Okee Chapter (X-2; 200 made)** and by **Estiotee Chapter (2008 Spring Camporee, attendee and staff)**. **O-Shot-Caw 265's Nok-Su Chapter** held their annual Conch Craziiness Weekend, with a patch for attendees (75 made) and another for the Vigil Breakfast. (25 made). **Echokotee 200's Onathequa Chapter** made a patch for their members attending the Conch Craziiness Weekend (120 made), to help pay for gas and tolls.

+ New FO\$ council strips have been made by Central Florida (five different), South Florida (four), and one each by Southwest Florida and North Florida. **Gulf Ridge** has made a CSP for Eagle Scouts, and two for their Wood Badge program. **Gulf Coast Council** has made two CSPs for Wood Badge, but one has the wrong year, the other is a correction.

notes & asides

> Besides the changes in Sectional alignment in the Southern Region, changes have taken place in the Northeast and Central Regions. The biggest change appears to be in the Northeast, where the five lodges of the Greater New York Councils will be split between two sections, separating them for the first time in over 60 years. This is according to the blog on the nyoatrader.com website, which covers all things OA and New York.

> Will 2010 be the last year for Jamborees to be held at Ft. A.P. Hill? Apparently so. Several websites have reported that the BSA has a committee to search for a new permanent home, that will be owned by the Boy Scouts. No new subcamps will be built for the 100th anniversary Jamboree, so capacity will be

limited.

On June 3, the BSA made it official, that it is seeking a permanent home. Required for the site is:

- * Have spectacular natural beauty.
- * Have water for recreational activities.
- * Be at least 5,000 acres and available for donation, long-term lease (100+ years), or sale
- * Be located within 25 miles of an interstate or a four-lane divided highway
- * Be located within 150 miles of a commercial service airport with medium or large hub status
- * Be located in an area with adequate medical services
- * Be accessible year-round via standard modes of transportation.

The search committee also is looking for a site that can host a potential World Jamboree, as well as year-round high adventure programs, a museum, and a conference center.

> The House of Representatives recently voted 403-8 on H.R. 5872, also known as the "Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act ". The summary of the bill, according to the Congressional Research Service:

- * Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue up to 350,000 \$1 coins in commemoration of the centennial of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.

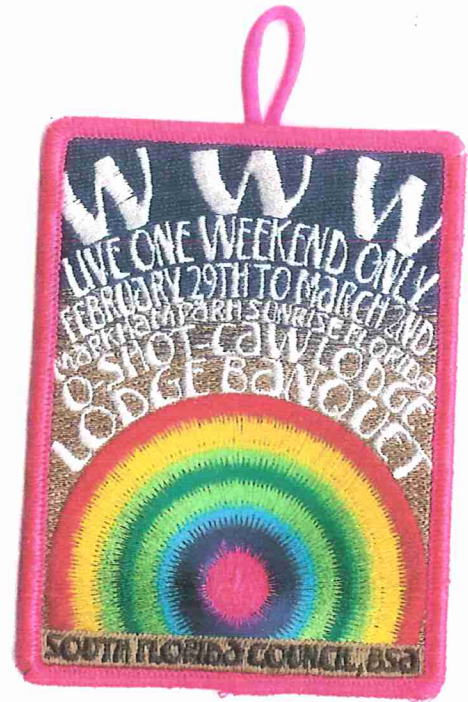
- * Requires the coin design to be emblematic of the 100 years of the organization.

- * Restricts issuance of such coins to February 8 through December 31, 2010.

- * Subjects coin sales to a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

- * Requires payment of such surcharges to the National Boy Scouts of America Foundation, to be made available to local councils in the form of grants for the extension of Scouting in hard-to-serve areas.

The bill has yet to pass the Senate before being presented to the President for his signature.



> Above is a scan of the patch ordered by **O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265** for their 2008 Lodge Banquet, that has never been issued. This is also the end of their planned series for 2008, "1960's Rock Concert Poster Art". Why? From Jason Wolz:

"2nd of the Rock Poster series, 225 made, none issued to date, following a rejection by the Lodge Chief, stating that he felt that the patch 'conveyed an overtly homosexual overtone'. The Lodge Advisor and Staff Advisor subsequently cancelled the remainder of the series."

For the rest of the year, the lodge will change its weekend activity patch theme to "Artifacts Of The Seminole". The Summer Ordeal patch features the shoulder bag of Osceola.

> At this time, the planned theme for **Tipisa 326's** series for 2008-2009 will be "The Evolution Of Seminole Clothing". The year's theme for **Timuquan 340** will be "Pre-Columbian Florida Natives".

> Every National OA Conference for the last several years has heralded a new edition of the Blue Book, with the updated list of all of the lodge issues from across the country. Will there be another edition in 2009? At this time, probably not. On March 6, a lawsuit was filed in the federal court for the Utah District, "William Topkis and Jeff Morley versus Robert Lynn Horne Family Limited

Partnership, Robert Lynn Horne and Las Vegas International Scouting Museum". There appears to be a dispute about a contract, and the plaintiffs are asking for \$2,433,000.



> Here is a discovery that was made at the recent Section Conference. **Osceola 564** had been asked to assemble a crew to help distribute ice at the 2005 National Jamboree. For those that participated, a patch was produced (**X-12.5**). How this one has been floating around for three years without being noticed before now is a mystery.

> Get ready for some major changes in the look of the Scout uniform. What is being called the "Centennial Uniform" will be available in a few months, as the current design is sold out. The front pockets on the Scout shirt appear to be higher and smaller, with an additional pocket on the left sleeve (where position patches are supposed to be sewn), and will not be flat, but will be "bellows" style, and closed with velcro. Switchback pants and covertable pants will become standard. Epaulets for Boy Scouts will become forest green. Uniform parts will be available in three different types of material, but wool, like the old-time uniforms, will not be one of them. It was discussed on ARROW-L that this style is supposed to be more versatile for active wear. By the looks of the new uniform (see bsauniforms.org), it will make one nostalgic for the 1980's Oscar de Lorenta style uniform.

> Yet another sign of the Apocalypse. On June 1, the best baseball team in the American League—the Tampa Bay Rays.

THE RUMOR MILL

* **South Florida Council** will be sending a contingent to the 2008 Irish National Jamboree, and this calls for patches. Specifically, a CSP, neckerchief, troop number, pocket patch, and a flap from **O-Shot-Caw 265**.

* The latest activity patches from **Semialachee 239** appear to be missing something, the lodge number. The number is also missing from their most recent lodge T-shirt. Incoming lodges **Pilthlako 229** and **Alapaha 545** also have refrained from including the number on their most recent emblems.

But the upside to this contentious issue: In the mid to late 1990s the Georgia lodges in S-4 insisted on including all lodge numbers on Section event patches. If the use of numbers is eliminated, then there cannot be an argument to force them onto Section patches.

* The NOAC Committee for **Echockotee 200** found out that their plan for a bullion to be used for a fundraiser patch is impractical, as the increased cost of metal that would be used for such an emblem would make the cost prohibitive. So it is likely that a special flap will be made for sponsorship on the contingent, along with a registration patch and a contingent epaulet, a two-piece set and a Founder's Day flap.

* No ArrowCorps5 issues reported from **Semialachee 239**, **Seminole 85**, **Tipisa 326**, or **Osceola 326**. So far.

Thanks to all that helped with information to put this issue together: Elam Patterson, Rick Obermeyer, Michael Daly, Ken Knaebel, Howard Gross, Jason Wolz, Bob Wolz, Gary Johnson, and Joe Gonzales.



237-S-93 2008; ArrowCorps5; 1200 made



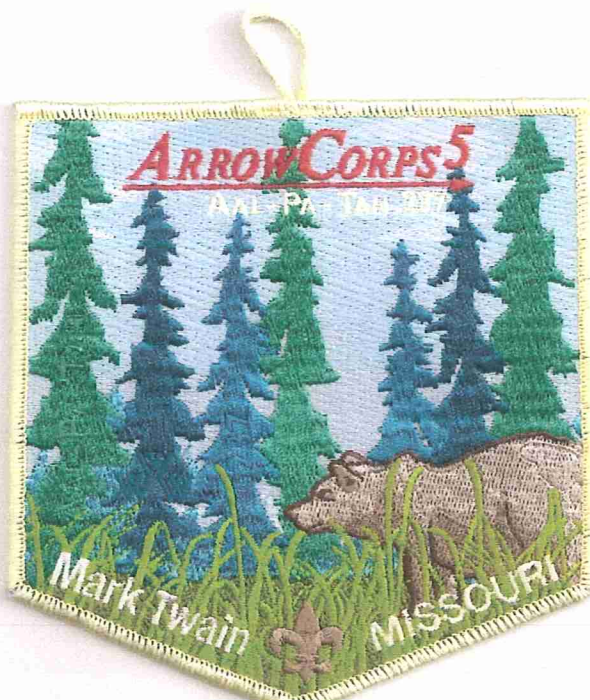
237-X-56 2008; ArrowCorps5; George Washington and Jefferson National Park; 300 made (chevron sold along with S-93)



237-x-54 2008; ScoutReach



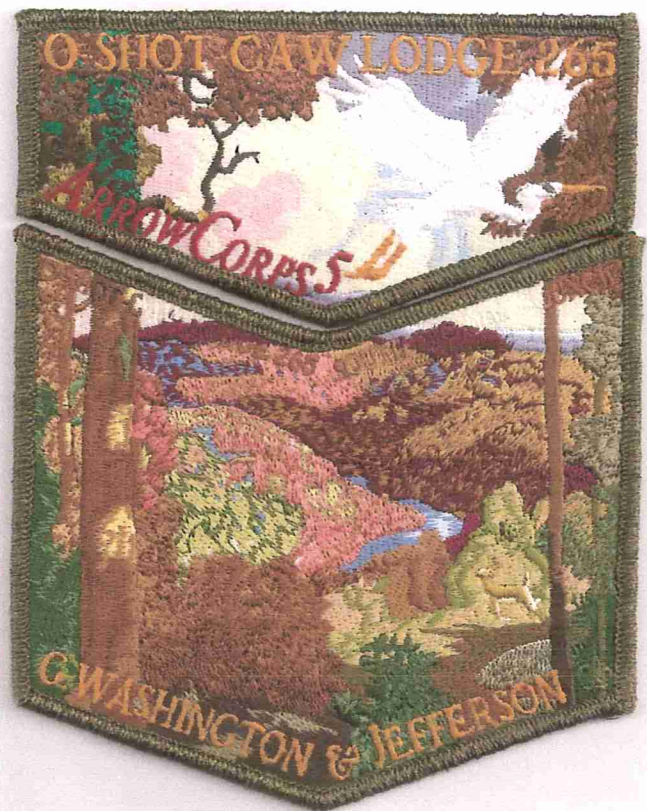
237-X-55 2008; ArrowCorps5; fundraiser, (sold as the middle piece for the lodge's weekend activity patches); 300 made



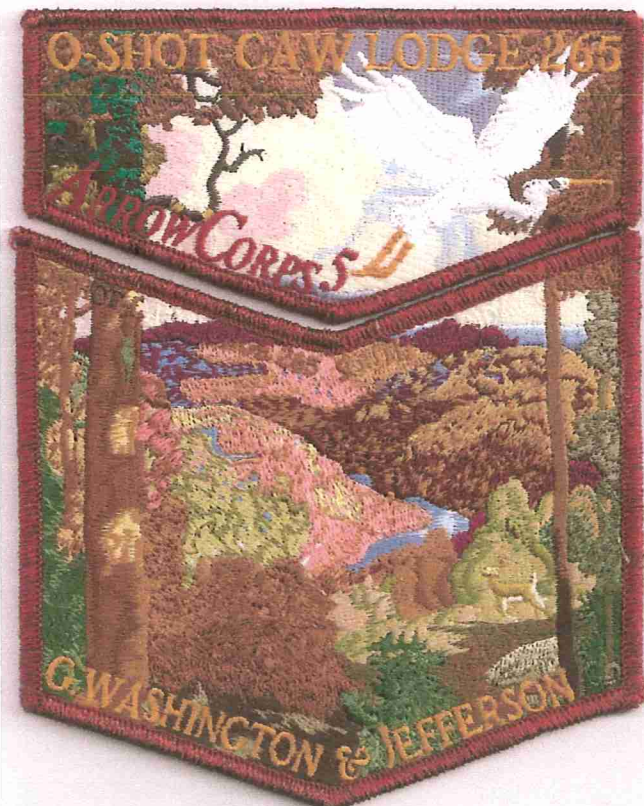
237-X-57 2008; ArrowCorps5; Mark Twain National Park; 300 made (chevron sold along with S-93)



237-X-57 2008; ArrowCorps5; Bridger-Teton National Park; 300 made (chevron sold along with S-93)



265-S-124 with X-46 2008; ArrowCorps5; GRN mylar border; 75 made; \$25 each.



265-S-123 with X-45 2008; ArrowCorps5; RED mylar border; 125 made; \$15 each.



340-S-54 2008; ArrowCorps5



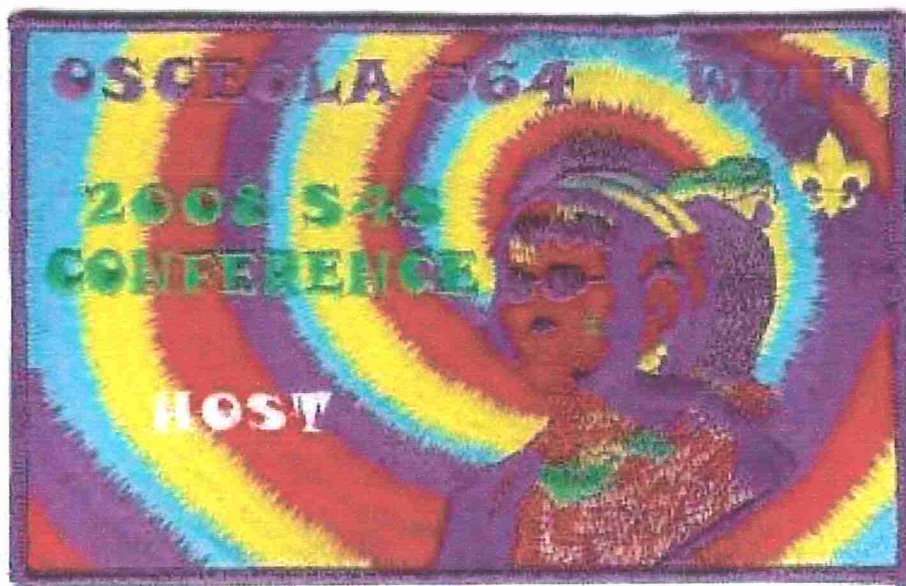
564-S-41 2008; Section S-4S Conference Host; GRN border; unrestricted availability to all lodge members; 1200 made.



564-S-42 2008; Section S-4S Conference Host; YEL border; service requirement, 2/ person; 450 made.



564-S-43 2008; Section S-4S Conference Host; PUR border, WHT WETAHIMUI; limited to 2/ committee chairman and advisor; 150 made.



564-J-3 2008; Section S-4S Conference Host;



564-X-17 2008; Section S-4S Conference Host



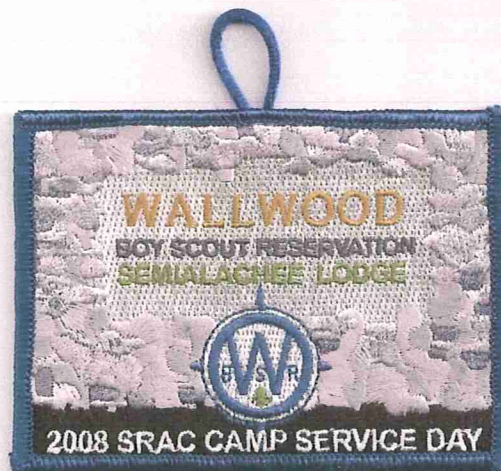
564-X-18 2008; Section S-4S Conference "Blood Donor". Available to all attendees that donated or attempted to donate in the blood drive, not solely Osceola Lodge members. 150 made.



326 Lemhee Okee Chapter X-2
2008; 200 made.



326 Astatula Chapter X-4 2008;
"KINDLE THE FLAME"; 200 made.

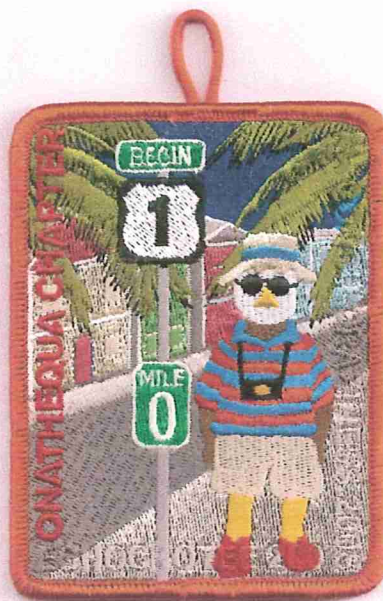


(above, left) 239 2008
Winter Fellowship. (above,
right) 239 2008 Spring
Fellowship. (left) 2008
Suwannee River Area
Council Camp Service Day;
issued for a council event,
with the lodge name on the
patch.



(left) 237 2008 Section S-4S Conference Delegate. Design based on patch for the Conference.

(below) 200 Onathequa Chapter 2008 Conch Craziness Weekend.

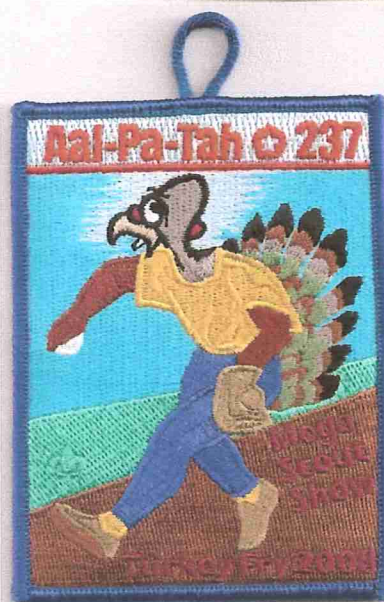
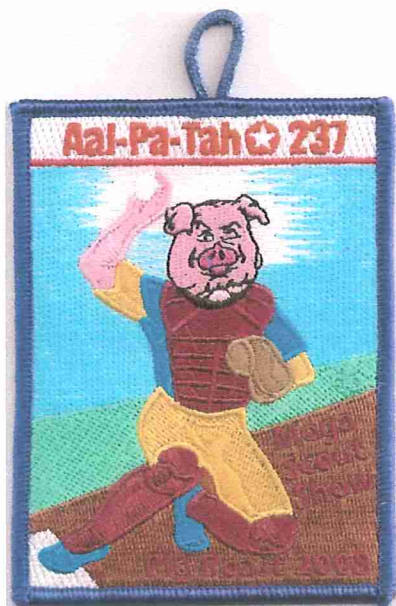


(above) 237 2008 Pow Wow (right) 237 2008 Service Weekend.



(right, top—bottom) 200 2008 Spring Fellowship, 600 made; 2008 Section S-4S Conference, 300 made; 2008 Summer Fellowship, 400 made. Parts of 2008 lodge activity series, "Florida's Coral Reefs". (bottom) Buccaneer District (Florida Keys) Cub-O-REE, using the same design as the 200 Spring patch.

(right) 237 2008 year theme patch #1. Design is the same as X-55, measures 194 mm from top to bottom. (below) 237 2008 "Relay For Life" American Cancer Society fundraiser.



237 2008 Gulf Stream Council Scout Show. (left) Pig Roast. (center) Turkey Fry. (right) Scout Show service.



(left) 237 2008 year theme patch #2. Design is the same as X-55 with all of the weekend patches, together as one patch.

237 2008
Fellowship
(right), Ordeal
(far right)

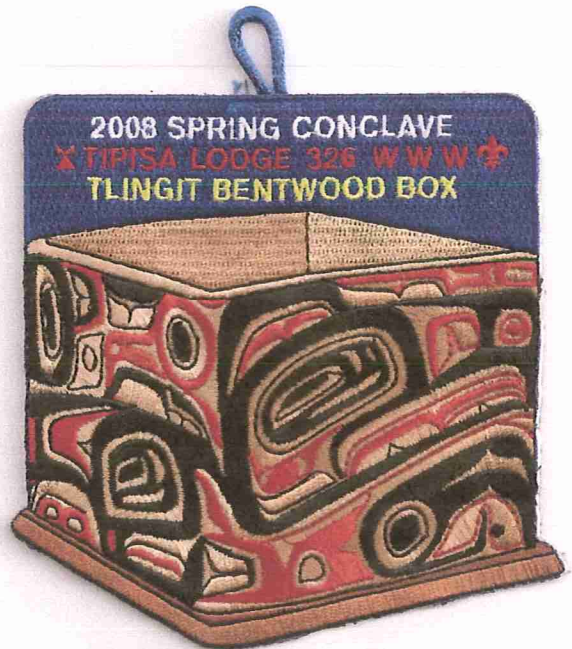




(above) 265 2008 Section S-4S Conference delegate. (below, left) 2008 Nok-Su Conch Crazyiness Weekend; attendee; 75 made. (right) Vigil Breakfast; 25 made.

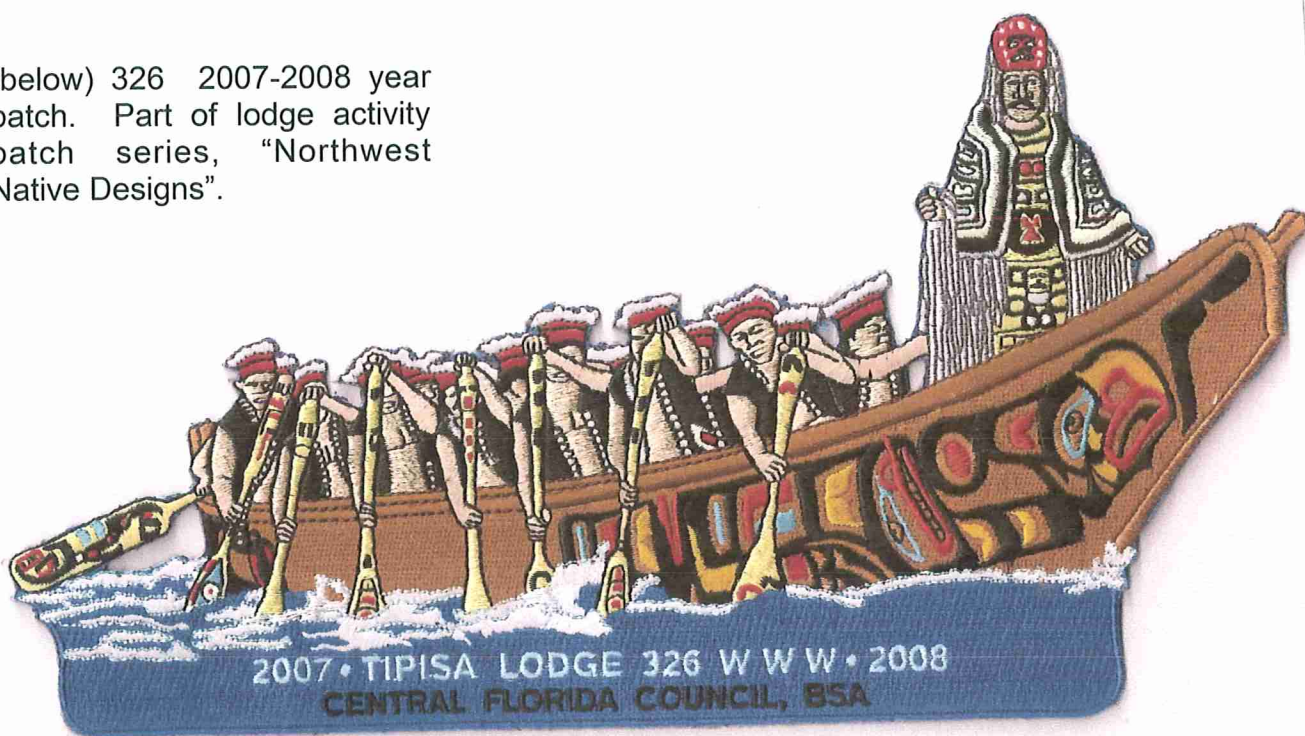


(above) 326 2008 Service Weekend. (below) 326 Spring Conclave. Parts of 2007-2008 activity patch theme "Northwest Native American Items"



(left) 326 Estiotee Chapter 2008 Spring Camporee. BLK background; attendee. RED background; staff.

(below) 326 2007-2008 year patch. Part of lodge activity patch series, "Northwest Native Designs".



(above) 296 2008 Summer Ordeal. First of 2008 series "Artifacts Of The Seminoles".



340 2007-2008 year patch. Part of 2007-08 series "Classic Muscle Cars".



(right) 2008 Section S-4S Conference patch, with loop. (not shown) no loop variety.



(below) 2008 Section S-4S Conference Vigil Breakfast (RED bdr). VIA Luncheon (BLU bdr)

(left, top—bottom) 340 2008 Spring Fellowship; 2008 Vigil Breakfast; 2008 Lodge Banquet. Parts of 2007-08 lodge activity series "Classic Muscle Cars". (above) 340 2008 Summer Conclave. Part of 2008-2009 lodge activity series "Pre-Columbian Florida Natives".

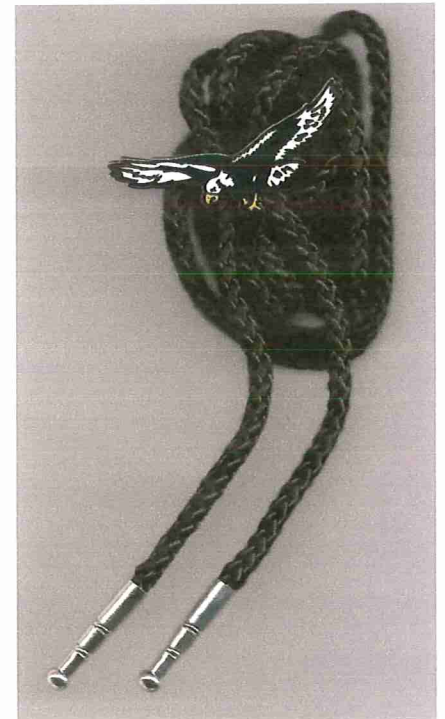


(above) 564 2008 Ordeal. (right) 564 2008 LLDC.





(left) 2008 Section S-4S Conference neckerchief.
(below) Conference neckerchief slide. (bottom) Conference bolo.



(below) 2008 Conference jacket patch.



(below, left) 2008 Conference pin #1; sold through the Trading Post (metal). (right) pin #2 (plastic).





2008 Section S-4S Conference chenille (top) front, and back.



(left) 2008 Section S - 4 S Gold Tournament; held on the Friday morning of the Section Conference. (right) Golf Tournament embroidered luggage tag.





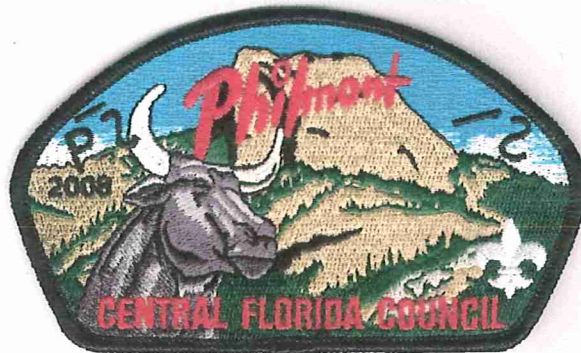
Central Florida SA-97?? 2008; Character Partner; SMY bdr, BLU/WHT background; \$350 donation or \$1000/ 3 years



Central Florida SA-100?? 2008;; Centennial Partner; SMY bdr, WHT background



Central Florida SA-98?? 2008; Character Partner; GMY bdr, BLU/WHT background; \$500 donation or \$1000/ 3 years



Central Florida SA-101?? 2008;; Philmont Trek; 300 made.



Central Florida SA-98?? 2008; Baden-Powell Club; WHT bdr, WHT background



Gulf Coast SA-12?? 2008; Wood Badge; error, wrong year



Central Florida SA-99?? 2008; Centennial Partner; GMY bdr, WHT background; \$2010 donation over three years



Gulf Coast SA-13?? 2008; Wood Badge;



Gulf Ridge SA-41?? 2008; Eagle Scout



Gulf Ridge SA-42?? 2008; Wood Badge; participant



Gulf Ridge SA-43?? 2008; Wood Badge; staff



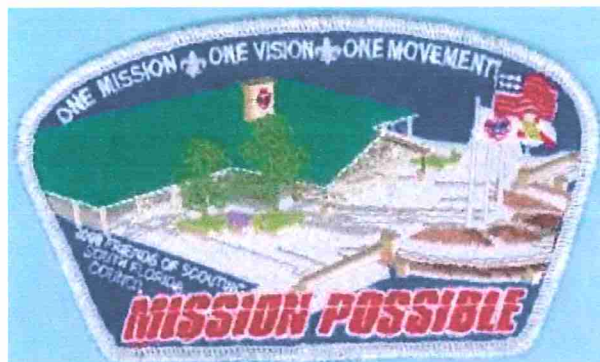
Gulf Ridge 2008; Wood Badge; jacket patch for staff. NOT SHOWN: participant jacket patch



North Florida SA-45?? 2008 FO\$; CHEERFUL



South Florida SA-32?? 2008 FO\$; RED bdr; \$150 donation



South Florida SA-33?? 2008 FO\$; SMY bdr; \$250 donation



South Florida SA-33?? 2008 FO\$; GMY bdr; \$500 donation



South Florida SA-34?? 2008 FO\$; BLU bdr; \$1000 donation



Southwest Florida SA-17?? 2007; Eagle Scout; 300 made



Southwest Florida SA-18?? 2008 FO\$



(above) Section S-4S 2008 ArrowCorps5; YEL helmet; \$5 donation. (right) WHT helmet, 100 made; \$25 donation.



Southern Region 2008 ArrowCorps5 patch; \$5



Section S-4S 2008 patch, commemoration of all eight lodges named as "Quality" lodges, Home of the 2007 Region Chief, and #1 Section for OA High Adventure participation.





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