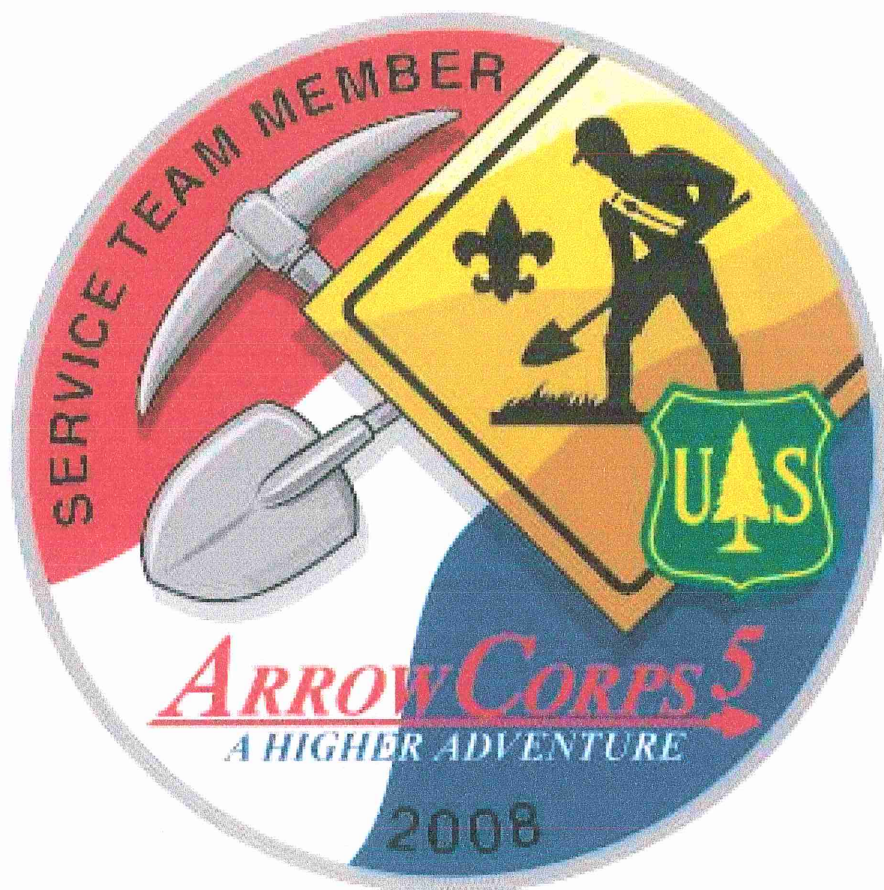


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ARROWCORPS5

not just a thread event (really!)



FROM THE EDITORS

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The Thin issue. How thin? This is probably the fewest number of pages for a quarterly issue in years. And the weeks of delay in the hopes of more material has not helped. It could also be that we had put in so much stuff in the Spring issue, that there was nothing left that was new. In any event, here it is. Oh yeah, the font on this page is bigger, too.

ArrowCorps5. The summer-long national service program of the Order of the Arrow, appears to have been a big success. The National Forest Service received more volunteer service work than ever before, and the Order was able to fill a summer with a national program that was not a conference. With the confusion over the future plans of National events between 2009 and 2015 (see the article inside), it is possible that the event may be duplicated in some future year. Hopefully, with some better logistical planning and bureaucratic foul-ups on the federal government side.

Ends of eras. The 2010 National Jamboree will be the last Jamboree hosted at the US Army base in Charlotte County, Virginia (formerly known as Fort A.P. Hill), as the BSA is actively searching for a permanent facility to host future Jamborees and year round training events. Hopefully, wherever the BSA chooses to create the new facility, it won't be as hot and muggy as The Hill..

Another chapter coming to an end is the use of Treasure Island Scout Reservation, the camp that was where the Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915. While Treasure Island is but a concept to most Arrowmen who have never set foot on the camp property, it remains an emotional touchstone for all Arrowmen, as the place where it all began. Yet the decision to close the camp came as a shock to almost everyone, as the Cradle

Of Liberty Council in Philadelphia can no longer afford to maintain the reservation as a functioning camp, even for weekend trips.

Reality came as a big shock, as the full extent of the floods on the Delaware River on 2005 and 2006 that heavily damaged the island, along with the bureaucratic "perfect storm" of stringent building code and sanitation regulations, "Americans With Disabilities Act", skyrocketing insurance costs, and declining attendance, made the decision to close the facility easy to make. Despite its role in the history of Scouting, it was but one location in an otherwise unsustainable Scout reservation.

Then, there is eBay. Big changes came in October, as buyers are now required to accept PayPal (a subsidiary of eBay, of course, costing at least 3% of the total transaction), or other electronic payment verification system. No more payments through the mail by check or money order, with options available to meet with a buyer personally, in order to complete the transaction.

And then there's the economy. As of this writing, the value of the stock markets has dropped about 40 percent, most of it in the last month. As collectors will be likely to be much more careful with their money, it will likely be a bad time to try to sell any large collections of patches. There may be some bargains to be found, as people become more desperate to dispose of collectables cheaply.

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ARROWCORPS5 – THE ISSUES

The Order of the Arrow created a program for 2008 to take the place of a National Conference, a far-reaching service project for the National Forestry Service called ArrowCorps5. While the service that has been provided by the OA participants at the five selected sites has been called the largest single volunteer service project since World War II, this also provided an opportunity for new emblems to be created to commemorate the event. We have shown many of the patches issued prior to the event, but here is the complete list of AC5-related items from Florida.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

- [] 200-S-33 250 made.
- [] 237-S-93 top of two-piece set (with X-56, 57, and 58); 1200 made.
- [] 237-X-55 pentagon-shaped patch; 95mm tall; fundraiser; 300 made.
- [] 237-X-56 bottom of two-piece set; "George Washington and Jefferson"; 300 made.
- [] 237-X-57 bottom of two-piece set; "Mark Twain"; 300 made.
- [] 237-X-58 bottom of two-piece set; "Bridger-Teton"; 300 made.
- [] 237 2008 year patch; same design as X-55; 193mm tall.
- [] 237 2008 Pow Wow weekend activity; "Mark Twain" design.
- [] 237 2008 Ordeal weekend activity; "George Washington and Jefferson" design.
- [] 237 2008 Fellowship weekend activity; "Shasta-Trinity" design.
- [] 237 2008 Service weekend activity; "Monti-La Sal" design
- [] 237 2008 year patch; combination of weekend activity patch designs, with X-56.
- [] 265-S-123 with X-45; two piece set; RED mylar border; 125 made.
- [] 265-S-124 with X-46; two piece set; GRN mylar border; 75 made.
- [] 265-S-125 with X-47; two piece set; DELEGATE; RST mylar border; 50 made (not previously pictured)
- [] 340-S-54 300 made
- [] S-4S YEL helmet; \$5 each.
- [] S-4S WHT helmet; \$25 each.

And the newer items:

- [] 239-S-71 GRN border; 150 made
- [] 239-S-72 RED border, 150 made
- [] 85-X-??/ 385-X-?? "Bridger-Teton or Bust". This patch has the numbers of all of the lodges that travelled on a bus from Denver to the Bridger-Teton site. Along with Seminole 85 and Yustaga 385, members were present from lodges 383, 387, 464, and 536 (Colorado), 66 (New Mexico), 372 (Kansas), 179 and 322 (Alabama), 56 (Ohio), 188 (North Carolina), and 76 (New Jersey). In the words of Ryan Braddy, Southern Region High Adventure Coordinator, on PATCH-L:

"In order to reduce transportation costs, there were quite a few lodges that choose to fly into Denver and then ride up to the Bridger Teton project. All of the lodges on that patch flew into Denver and then rode up on two charter buses to the project. Mike Conkley got a great deal on the buses and arranged to have these patches made and gave one to each person that rode on the bus. Some adults back home were upset that the lodge numbers were used without the permission of the lodges but no harm was meant by it. The boys enjoyed the patch and it was all in good fun. I arranged for Woa Cholena, Alibamu and Yustaga to ride with that group and each of the 43 participants from those lodges saved between \$200 and \$250 per person doing it that way. Service may be service, but money is money."

Is it an official 85 and/ or 385 item? Your call.

NEW ISSUES

Besides the ArrowCorps5 items:

- **South Florida Council** sent their contingent to the Irish National Jamboree, with more than just council contingent patches. **O-Shot-Caw 265** also made two flaps for the event (**W-2**, BLU border; **W-3**, RED border). Neither are “event specific”, so the design may be used for future international events. Also, neither were “contingent only”, as both were available to lodge members as parts of a set. A total of 50 of the BLU border and 75 of the RED border were made; ten sets were sold by the lodge, 15 sets and 25 of the RED borders were sold by the contingent in Ireland.
- **Tipisa 326** has more from their chapters. **Elauwit Chapter** has a new regular emblem (**X-12**), with the familiar “naked blue guy” as part of a larger design. They have also made four iron-on strips (**X-13** through **X-16**; 100 made of each), with “ELAUWIT CHAPTER”, “ADVISOR”, “CEREMONY TEAM”, and “DRUM TEAM”. According to Howard Gross, these strips are to be worn on the chapter’s T-shirts. **Wiquek Chapter** has their new Elangomat patch (**X-3**); same design as X-2, with a BLK monochromed background.
- Not yet issued: the **Osceola 564** 2008 S-4S Conference Host chenille. Money has been collected, but has not yet been distributed.
- **Suwannee River Area Council** has made their 2008 “Friends of Scouting” CSP (SA-??; \$200 donation), and has their first 2010 Jamboree JSP (“Patron”).
- **West Central Florida Council** has two new FO\$ CSPs of their own, for donations of \$250 and \$192 (SA-??, Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtle design; SA-??, “Friendly” design).
- **North Florida Council** has maintained a steady production of CSPs this summer, with a new issue to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Venturing program (SA-??; 150 made), an activity CSP for their Kodiak Venturing weekend (SA-??; 50 made), and a special CSP for trained commissioners (SA-??; 150 made). Two patches were made for the council’s Philmont contingent, a CSP (SA-

??), and a smaller version of the same CSP.

notes & asides

- Mike Daly has made a major revision of the Camp La-No-Che (Central Florida Council) section of his floridacsp.com website. Mike has also hosted the electronic version of the Florida Collectors’ Newsletter for the last few years.

- The 2009 Sunshine Trade-O-Ree will not be held at its usual time and place. This will now be held on June 26-27, and will be held at the Omni Orlando Resort. The new location will allow for 150 tables, an increase of 50% over the previous facility. For more information, you can find it at Mike’s website, or contact Terry Grove at groveagle@cfl.rr.com.

- There may also be a change in the 2009 pre-NOAC Trade-O-Ree, as well. Chris Jensen, who has operated the pre-NOAC TOR for years, may not put it on next year, so that the International Scouting Collectors Association (ISCA) can run the event, on the campus of Indiana University, the site for the National Conference.

THE RUMOR MILL

- There is a plan to have a special jacket patch for the 2008 Section S-4 Seminars, to be sold for \$16 each, as a fundraiser for the Section. No order form is available, as one must be at the event to buy one, or else make arrangements with an attendee to pick up an extra. This is along with the regular patch, and **Aal-Pa-Tah 237’s** planned host flap and dangle.
- **Onathequa Chapter** of **Echokotee Lodge 200** will have a Service Corps patch for the Camporee that they will be running in November. **Oglala Chapter** will have a similar piece, and may have another patch for their third consecutive “Best All-Around Chapter” victory. The lodge will be holding their annual Special Needs Camporee this fall, and will have two patches for the event (attendee and staff).

- Yet another new CSP planned for **North Florida Council** for their Winter Blast 2008 resident camp in December.

THE FUTURE OF BSA NATIONAL EVENTS BEYOND 2009

When there are gatherings like ArrowCorps5 with participants from all over the country, and with a vacuum created by the lack of information of activities beyond 2009, there are rumors of what will be done to fill that vacuum. What is known is:

- The next National Jamboree after 2010 will be held in 2013. At least, that is the plan for the site consultation company that the BSA is using for their criteria.
- NOAC 2009 is scheduled for August 1-6, at Indiana University.
- The 100th anniversary of the OA is in 2015.

Now, the rumors:

- No NOAC in 2011, it will go to a three year cycle to 2012 and 2015.
- ArrowCorps5 went so well, and was so well-received, that this program will be repeated at some time, instead of a National Conference.
- The Indian Summer program of 2003 will be repeated at some time, instead of a National Conference.

And what of the Jamboree site search? The press release issued by the BSA stated that a final decision is due by the end of this year, so no final determination has been made. The blog on the website tenmilerivertrader.com indicated that there are strong rumors that the lone BSA-owned site is Ten Mile River Scout Reservation, the long-term camping facility for the Greater New York Councils, located about 90 miles northwest of New York City. Until 2009, all we have at this time is conjecture and theory.

The End Of Treasure Island?

In the Summer of 1915, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson founded the Order of the Arrow at Treasure Island, the camp of the Philadelphia Council. The

camp is located in the middle of the Delaware River, technically considered part of New Jersey, but accessible from the Pennsylvania side of the river. Treasure Island has been open as a summer camp by the council and its post-merger successor, Cradle of Liberty Council. However, due to reduced revenues, required maintenance and insurance factors, the property will be closed as a Scout camp as of October 1, 2008.

This subject has been fodder for a great deal of discussion on ARROW-L, as this closing strikes at the heart of the Order and Unami Lodge One, the facility at where it was first founded. But like most decisions, the expense of the dollars needed to keep the camp open does not make sense. The unique feature of the camp, an island in the middle of an interstate waterway, requires more regulations and ecological safeguards than most camps, and what was once common practices for garbage and waste disposal are now illegal. The State of Pennsylvania has closed the bridge for camp vehicles due to structural issues, and transportation to and from the camp by boat precludes camping for a full Friday-Sunday weekend by troops. Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, in conjunction with compliance with building regulations, would require a building to be erected at least 14 feet above ground, with wheelchair ramps at least 168 feet long. Because of the frequent floods on the river that flow over the island, the camp is considered uninsurable at any price (more information can be found at <http://www.colbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=15037&orgkey=1112>).

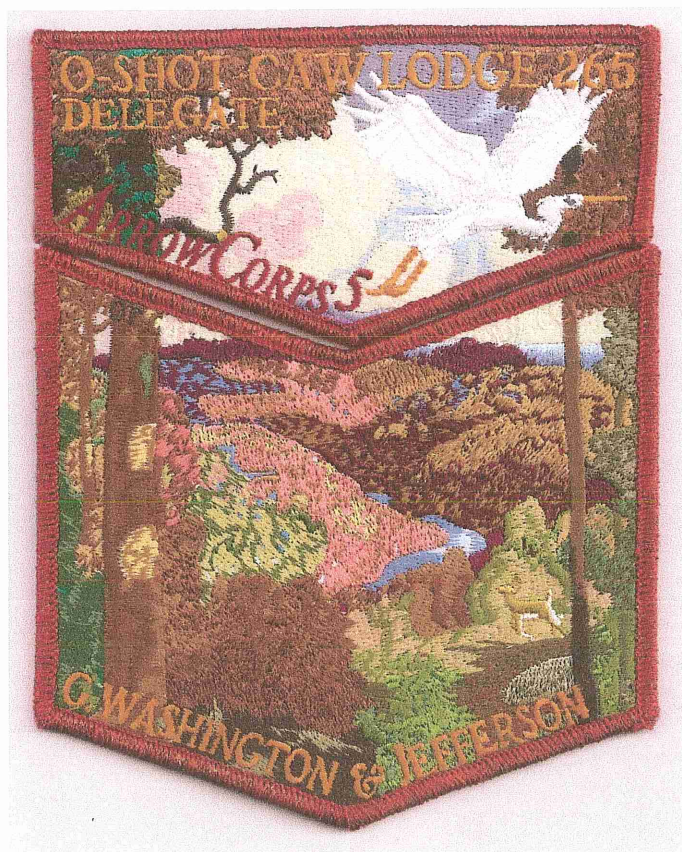
All good things must come to an end, and this may be the case here, as the expense to maintain a shrine to the OA could be better used to finance programs elsewhere. Despite the pleas on ARROW-L for more time, fundraising, and effort for the National OA Committee to take over the facility, the local council camping committee (including four former Unami Lodge One chiefs) appears to have made the hard decision with the proper perspective of the needs of the Scouts in their area.



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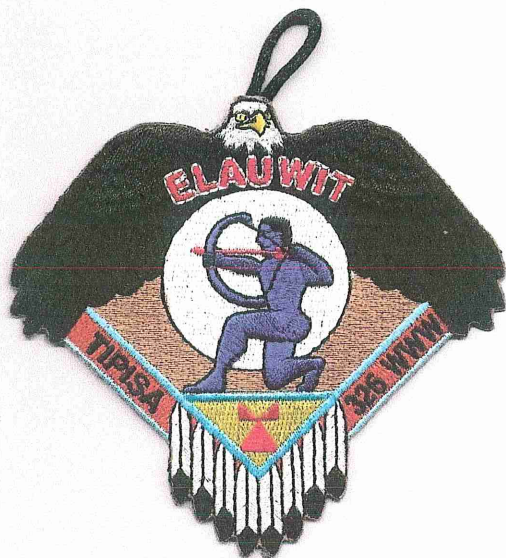
265-W-2 2008; BLU border. Issued for the South Florida Council contingent to the 2008 Irish National Jamboree. 75 made.



265-W-3 2008; RED border. Issued for the South Florida Council contingent to the 2008 Irish National Jamboree. 75 made.



326 Wiquek Chapter X-3. 2008; Elangomat patch.



326 Elauwit
Chapter X-12.
2008; chapter
totem with eagle.



(right) 200 2008 Fall
Fellowship. Fifth of
2008 series "Florida's
Coral Reef"



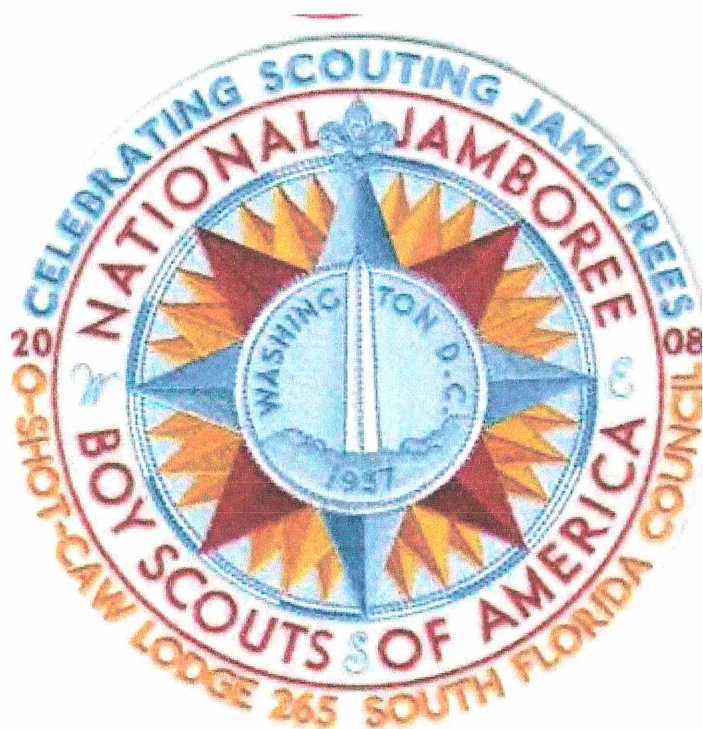
(above, top—down) 326 Elauwit Chapter X-14 (ADVISOR, 50 made), X-13 (ELAUWIT CHAPTER; 100 made), X-15 (CEREMONY TEAM, 50 made), X-16 (DRUM TEAM, 50 made). 2008. (below) 326 2008 Fall Fellowship. First of 2008-09 series "Forays Into Imagination".



340 2008 Fall Conclave. Second of
2008-09 series "Pre-Columbian Florida
Natives".



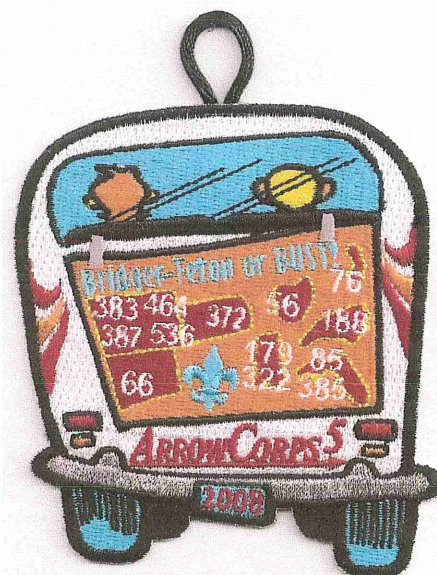
564 2008 Workday (above),
Summer Fellowship (left).
Parts of 2008 series.



(above) 265 2008 Fall Ordeal. (left) 2008 year patch). Parts of 2008 series "Celebrating National Jamborees".



Artwork for 2008 Section S-4 Seminars patch.



2008 ArrowCorps5 patch issued for attendees to Bridger-Teton site, taking the same buses from Denver (Seminole 85 and Yustaga 385 lodge members among the participants).

NOAC-2009
Echokotee
Lodge 200

200 2009 NOAC embroidered epaulet; available to registered attendees.



200 insulated can/ bottle holder. 2008; flocked design.



North Florida Council SA-?? 2008; 10th anniversary of the Venturing program. 150 made.



Suwannee River Area Council SA-?? 2008 FO\$; \$200 donation.



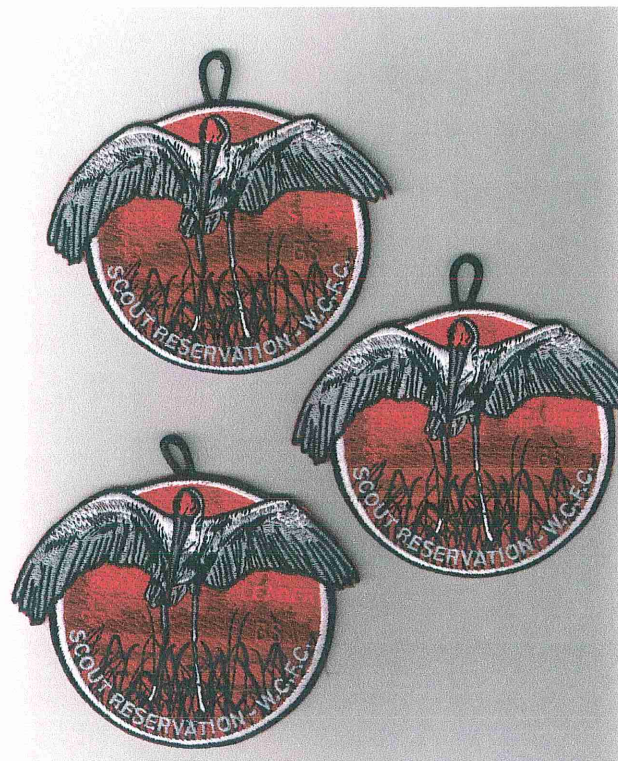
Suwannee River Area Council SA-?? 2010 National Jamboree "Patron".



West Central Florida Council SA-?? 2008 FO\$; "Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle" design. \$250 donation.



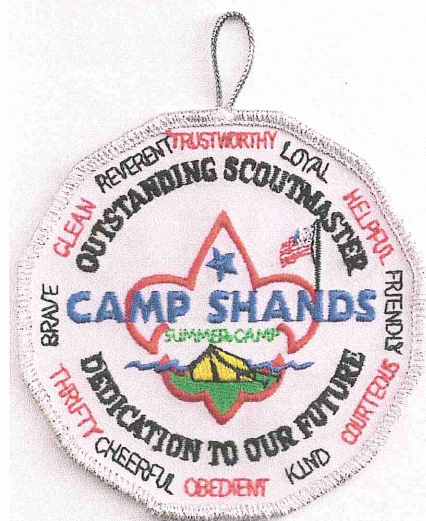
West Central Florida Council SA-?? 2008 FO\$; "FRIENDLY" design. \$192 donation.



(above) Sand Hill Scout Reservation (West Central Florida Council) patches, 2008. Set on left side are the correct version, set on right are errors (name of camp is missing).



(above) Camp Shands (North Florida Council) 2008 patches. (left—right) regular camper (RED border, "SUMMER"), Scoutmaster (GRN border); Staff (GRN border); LDS Week attendee (RED border, "LDS"). (left) Scoutmaster merit badge.





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