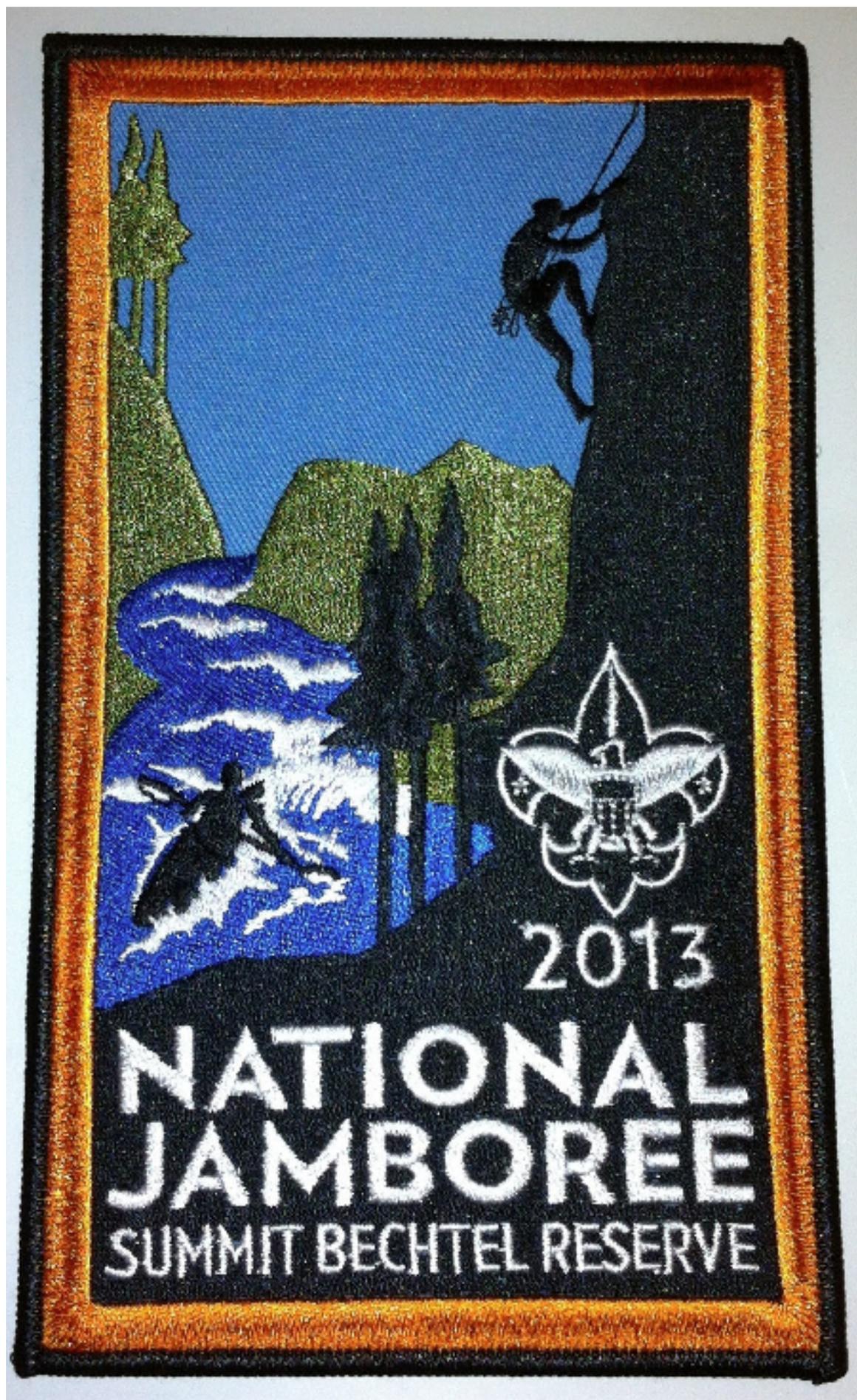


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# FROM THE EDITORS

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**Better late than never, again.**

Computer problems and the lack of time have driven this Summer issue into the first month of Fall.

**National Jamboree: more patches, fewer councils.** National may be working their way to having fewer councils (more on that later), but the number of patches for the Jamboree has gone way up. No total count has been generated yet, but the total number of National Jamboree patches may have gone over 10,000 different items, between all council, lodge, and staff issues. While some councils were satisfied with just one patch (tip o' the hat to you, West Central Florida), some had as many as 54 (Connecticut Yankee) or over 70 (Tecumseh).

**Chris Colebaugh.** We offer our condolences to the family of Chris Colebaugh, who passed away on August 15 at the age of 54. Chris was a Vigil

Honor member of Tipisa Lodge 326, who also worked with Howard Gross to catalogue the various and obscure issues of Tipisa and its chapters. For the last few years, Chris was also the coordinator of the "Tipisa Buyers Club", which allowed collectors of all things Tipisa to obtain items from the lodge and chapters, while enriching the chapters with increased sales to collectors.

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## NEW ISSUES

+ The first mentions usually go to the lodge that produced the most stuff. And after this Jamboree, the lodge that produced the most was **Osceola 564**. Two two-piece sets were created with a planetary theme: one with Earth on the bottom piece and WHT letters on the bottom of the flap (**F-24 with X-21**) for lodge members, another with Saturn on the chevron and ORG letters on the flap (**F-25 with X-22**) for attendees from the lodge. A third set (**S-54 with X-23**) was created for members of the Ice Crew staff.

+ **O-Shot-Caw 265** was close behind. Two flaps with the same BLK felt background; unrestricted with a BLK border (**F-35**) for lodge members, a GMY border (**F-36**) for attendees. A two-piece set was also available for attendees (**F-37 with X- 57**), that matched the theme of the council's contingent items.

+ **Aal-Pa-Tah 237** had four patches of their own: a Jamboree flap in full color (**S-116**), a matching lodge-issued Jamboree shoulder patch (X-76), and WHT monochrome versions of the same design (**S-117, X-77**).

+ **Timuquan 340** issued their own two-piece set (**S-63 with X-20**), that was available to all members of their lodge.

+ **Seminole 85** created a flap for the Jamboree (**F-7**), that was a part of their council's design theme, the country's armed services.

+ **Semialachee 239** only had one Jamboree flap this year (**S-89**), choosing not to repeat the glut of flaps from the 2010 Jamboree.

+ **Echockotee 200** issued their first Jamboree flap (**S-50**), with a pirate design, to go along with the theme for North Florida Council's contingent.

+ **Tipisa 326** has wasted no time to create a flap (**S-49**) to commemorate their win as the 2013 Best All Around Lodge in S-4. Total of 500 made.

And now that the Jamboree is over, we have a better look at what the councils produced. Previously unreported:

+ Both **Gulf Ridge Council** and **Suwannee River Area Council** created sets (five JSPs and a jacket patch), each with an armed

services theme. Suwannee River Area also had a Jamboree patch to be worn as a temporary badge, from the right pocket button, and another JSP, that wasn't part of their themed set.

+ **Gulf Stream Council** created two sets of five JSPs and central jacket patch; one set in color, the other a WHT monochrome.

+ **South Florida Council** also had two sets: one with five JSPs around a central jacket patch, the other a puzzle set with five patches (four squares and one rectangle), all featuring undersea life.

+ **Southwest Florida Council's** set was available earlier this year: six JSPs around a central jacket patch.

+ **North Florida Council** released their set of pirate-themed patches in March 2013. **Central Florida** had their set available last year.

+ And **West Central Florida**? It appears that someone waited until the last minute to place the order, resulting in a single JSP.

+ North Florida Council marked the 100th anniversary of LDS Scouting with a special CSP (**TA-??**). This was in conjunction with the Southeastern LDS Jamboree, held at Camp Shands in June. Another summer CSP issue was created for the NYLT program (not pictured).

## notes & asides

+ In July and August, an eBay seller listed a "rare" chapter flap from Seminole 85 (pictured below). The seller stated that the patch was "made in 2001 by the Thunderbird Chapter Seminole Lodge. Only 12 were made before the lodge forced the chapter to destroy the illegal chapter patch". But, no one from the lodge has ever heard of such a patch. It was so rare, that after one was sold, the seller listed another that did not sell, either time that



it was re-listed.

+ And from Japan came another purveyor of fake thread peddling an Echockotee A-1. When called on it, the seller stated "My apologies for offending you. This was made by Tiger Patch Shop in Okinawa Japan for a member of this lodge... I have the official receipt when he ordered. He was with the USAF and he did not pick up part of his order and this is how I came to get it."

+ Tipisa 326 obtained a new acquisition for their museum, a merit badge sash from the 1930s. While the many square merit badges have values of their own, what made this special was the "STANDARD A CAMPER REGION SIX" patch, a de facto camp patch for its time. The sash also held a felt arrowhead-shaped yellow patch, with a blue W. Rick Obermeyer has identified it as the earliest known patch from Camp Wewa, the camp owned by Central Florida Council during that time. The plan is to keep the sash intact and on display in the Tipisa Museum.

+ The 2013 Section Seminars patch design looks slightly familiar:



Timuquan Lodge 340, the host for this year's Seminars, wanted to bring back the design from the last Section event held at Camp Soule, "corrected" from what had been made for the 1982 Section Conference.

## THE RUMOR MILL

\* Look for fewer host items to be created for the 2014 Section Conference, hosted by **Echockotee 200**. They just don't go overboard over that stuff. What still remains a mystery are all of the promised new items to be created for their capital campaign donation for North Florida Council's improvements at Camp Shands. After the Lodge Executive Committee approved the concept of multiple flaps, patches, and belt buckles back in March, nothing has been mentioned, much less designed or ordered.

## MERGER MANIA 2013

\* Nothing new on the conditional charter for **Suwannee River Area Council**.

\* **West Central Florida Council** still faces an uphill climb., as they have had [problems meeting their June 30 markers. As part of the Nationally-dictated goals for the council, they have been given an extension for their FO\$ campaign, as their total raised as of June 30 was 53% of goal. Membership goal of a 2% increase was not reached; in fact, there was a net loss. Not all is bad news, as the council did successfully complete their audit. As things stand now, the decision to force a merger is not yet a forgone conclusion,.

\* But the urge to merge is definitely fuelled by National. There is a goal to get the number of councils in the US down to 200, which is less than half of the number of councils just 25 years ago. There are now only six councils in New Jersey, fourteen in New York, four in Connecticut, ten in Georgia, 22 in California, and 19 in Texas.



085-F-7 2013; National Jamboree.



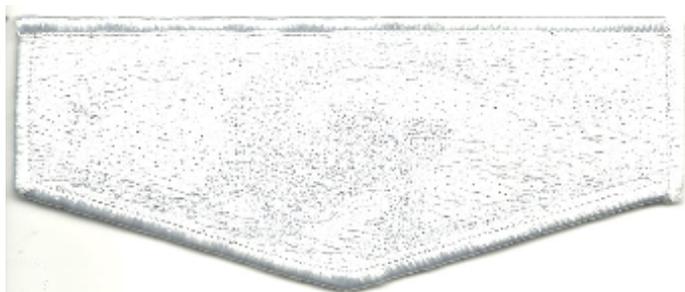
239-S-89 2013; National Jamboree.



200-S-50 2013; National Jamboree; 800 made.



326-S-49 2013; S-4 Best All-Around Lodge.



237-S-117 2013; National Jamboree; WHT monochrome.



265-F-35 2013; National Jamboree; BLK felt background; BLK border.



2237-X-79 2013; National Jamboree; JSP; WHT monochrome.



265-F-36 2013; National Jamboree; BLK felt background; GMY border.



265-F-37 with X-57 2013 National Jamboree; two-piece set



564-F-24 with X-21 2013 National Jamboree; two-piece set; trader (WHT letters on flap; Earth on chevron)



340-S-63 with X-20 2013 National Jamboree; two-piece set



564-F-25 with X-22 2013 National Jamboree; two-piece set; trader (RED letters on flap; Saturn on chevron)



564-S-54 with X-23 2013; National Jamboree; Ice Crew (staff group)



200 2013 Fall Fellowship. Part of 2013 series, "BSA High Adventure Bases".



326 Huracan Chapter 2013 LLDC felt handmade patch.



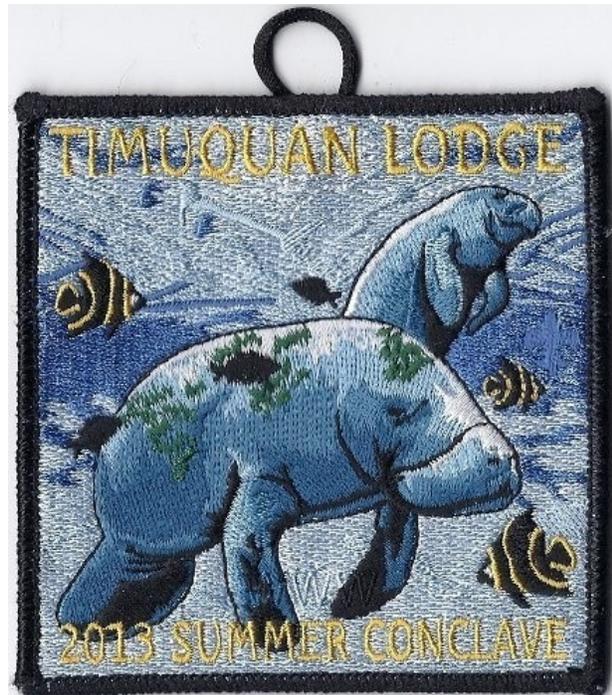
200 2013 LLD 200 made



326 2013 Service Weekend. Part of 2012-2013 series "Athletics of an Unnamed University in Orlando"



340 (above, left—right) 2013 Winter Conclave, 2013 Vigil Breakfast. (left) 2013 Lodge Banquet. Parts of 2012-2013 series, "Sand Hill Scout Reservation Wildlife". (below) 2013 Summer Conclave.





North Florida Council TA-?? 2013; 100th Anniversary of LDS Scouting.

564 2013 Summer Fellowship.



Gulf Ridge Council 2013 National Jamboree set (five JSPs, one back patch).



Gulf Stream Council 2013 National Scout Jamboree set; WHT monochrome. Five JSPs, one back patch. Full color set pictured in previous issue.

West Central Florida  
2013 National Scout  
Jamboree JSP.





Suwannee River Area Council 2013 National Scout Jamboree (above) set. Five JSPs, one back patch. (right) Jamboree pocket patch. (below) JSP.

