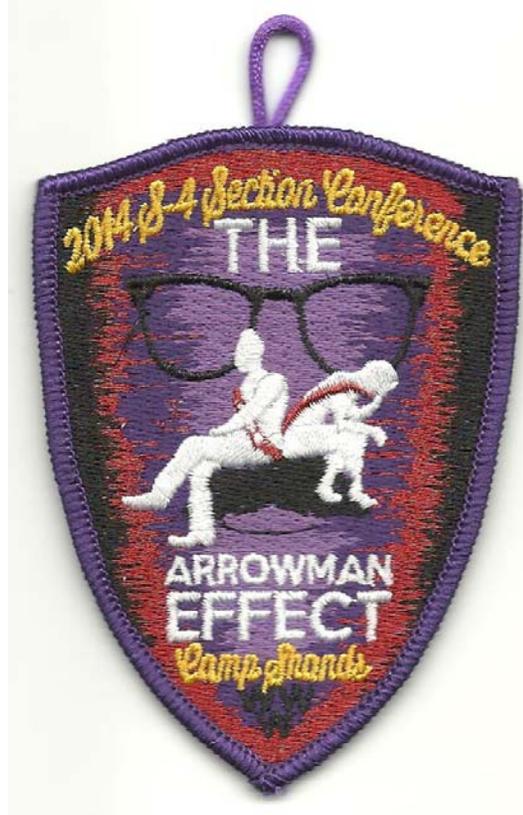


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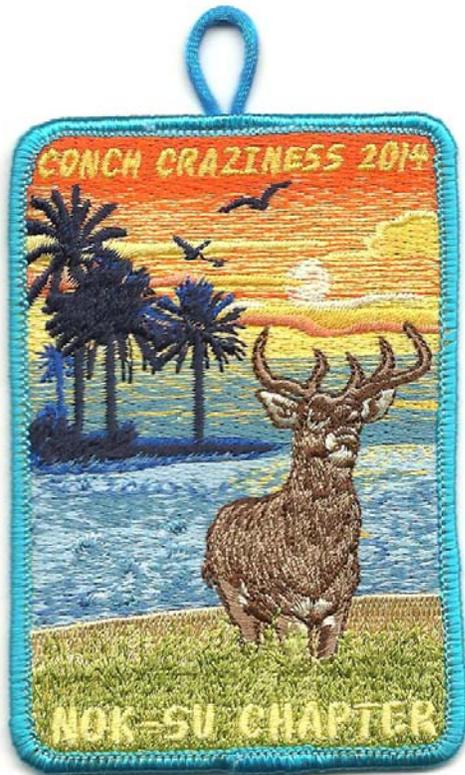
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**2014 SECTION S-4
CONFERENCE**



**CONCH
CRAZINESS
IS BACK!!**

FROM THE EDITORS

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Section Conference 2014 is over.

Six pocket patches, two neckerchiefs, two jacket patches, three metal pieces. And the best designed piece was a replica of a 101 year old medal. The theme for the weekend was based on a movie that was shown during the Friday and Saturday night shows, and the design of the weekend patch was based on the near-sightedness of the founder of the Order of the Arrow. Thank goodness.

The patch trading area at this year's conference was crowded, only because it was so small, at traders had to share space with those partaking of the concession stand. Even with all of these problems, there was some enthusiastic searching for some Conference items. For example, the patch created for those that either attended the "Goodman Trek" bus trip to the grave marker of the Founder of the OA, or those that at least paid the \$15 to attend the trek. With only 100 patches, some sets are not going to be completed, no matter how big a stack of patches is offered in trade.

Another is the "whole set" patch, given to those that pre-ordered the pocket patch, two jacket patches, two neckerchiefs, three medal items, and the commemorative medal. As of the last report, only 44 of those greenish patches were distributed. (green, because nothing could make the purplish conference less attractive, than to render it in hues of green, yellow, and brown). (FULL DISCLOSURE: Robert was the Conference Trading Post advisor, until December 2013).

The commemorative medal was a surprise. For something that had never been made for a Florida conference before, and was not really explained thoroughly, and priced as a "special" item at \$11 each, the medal was a big seller, with 200 pieces sold, and a list being made for a re-order.

And the Host flaps. On the order form for the Echockotee Lodge Host items, sales of the gold border host flap (S-52) were to be limited to one/ person, with registration for the Conference an additional requirement. Well, when members started checking in, they were allowed to buy four more. A total of 600 were made, as compared to 700 of the "unrestricted" purple-border flap (S-51).

Save your pennies, for the OA centennial year is approaching, and there will be a lot of patches. Already, **Seminole 85** has a five-patch set out for the "100th Anniversary @ NOAC" set, with a similar set from their council, **Gulf Ridge**. Two flaps from **O-Shot-Caw 265**, all before the actual centennial year.

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NEW ISSUES

+ The Section Conference always brings out new items, especially from the Host lodge. **Echockotee 200** created several items for their event: two flaps (**S-51**, PUR border, 700 made; **S-52**, GLD border, 600 made); a host pocket patch (**X-29**, 500 made), a jacket patch (**J-4**, 150 made), and a neckerchief (**N-10**, 125 made).

+ The OA's 100th anniversary and the 2015 NOAC is expected to be a major thread event, and the new issues are already being released. **Seminole 85** has a four flap set (**S-68 through 71**), along with a pocket patch (X-16). **Gulf Ridge Council** has issued a set of matching CSPs for the occasion. The sets' design themes are rides at the Busch Gardens - Tampa attraction. The CSPs mention "Order of the Arrow", but no mention of the lodge name. The central patch weound which each setd's patches are arranged are the same.

+ **Gulf Ridge Council** also created a 75th Anniversary CSP (SA-??).

+ **O-Shot-Caw 265** has two new flaps for the upcoming OA Centennial. One has RED years and fdl (**F-39**), the other has GMY years and fdl (**F-40**),. Only 100 were made with the GMY.

+ **Nefketeh Chapter of Tipisa 326** has a new patch (X-2). The design commemorates its past, with symbols of the chapters that had been merged before it. Dakota Chapter (handclasp) was split to form Estiotee (atlantic sea turtle) and Astatula (quiver of arrows), which were then merged to form Nefketeh (Seminole word for "drum"). The patch itself is shaped like a drum.

+ **Wewahitchka Chapter** has two more patches so far this year (X-21, X-22). The first is a regular issue (different colors), the second is a GMY monochrome, celebrating their gold chapter status in the Journey To Excellence program. A third patch will be out later this year, to be given for chapter service.

Items created for the Section Conference:

+ pocket patch, with loop, PUR border. Given with registration for the Conference, 1/ person. 1000 made.

+ pocket patch, no loop, PUR mylar border. Sold through the Conference Trading

Post. 400 made.

+ pocket patch, GRN border. Given with purchase of a full set of Trading Post items; 44 distributed.

+ pocket patch, "VIA Luncheon". 360 made.

+ pocket patch, "Vigil Breakfast". 340 made.

+ pocket patch, "Goodman Trek". 1/ person who paid for trip to the Goodman gravesite @ \$15/ person; 100 made.

+ jacket patch #1; Conference design; 150 made.

+ jacket patch #2; "collage design" featuring emblems of BSA programs where E Urner Goodman helped create; 175 made.

+ neckerchief #1; patch on cloth; 150 made.

+ neckerchief #2; embroidered design with woven bands sewn along the edges; 125 made.

+ neckerchief slide: 100 made.

+ pin #1 (sold as a "hat badge"); 110 made.

+ bolo; 100 made.

+pin #2, foam cutout of figures on pocket patch, with pin backings; sold as an active Arrowman item; 500 made.

+ medal, commemorating E Urner Goodman's participation in the 1913 "Battle of Gettysburg Reunion"; 200 made (more may be ordered).

+ Conference Golf Tournament patch; 100 made.

+ Conference Golf Tournament ball marker (same piece as pin #1/ slide/ bolo, with no backing); 50 made.

THE RUMOR MILL

* As **O-Shot-Caw 265** has issued two flaps for the OA centennial so far, there are rumors that there will be several more, with different border colors. All in the name of raising money for NOAC.

* As will just about every lodge in the country.

* The centennial flap for **Tipisa 326** is expected to be available in August.

* **Timuquan 340** has designed a new Elangomat flap, to be based on their current flap design. To be available in a few months.

notes & asides

> Timuquan 340 has begun their 2014-2015 activity patch series, with a themed set, depicting West Central Florida landmarks.

> As seen on eBay:

In late May, a dealer on eBay with the handle "lisa4vintage" set the BSA collecting world afire, with 60 listings of old position pins from the early days of the program. Many items that had a starting bid of \$99.99 sold for several hundred or several thousands of dollars. While a few lots were withdrawn after offers were presumed to have been made, the 60 lots sold for a total exceeding \$68,000.

- > BSA Air Ace medal: \$3040.
- > 1960 North Florida Council Camps patch: \$28.88.
- > 237 X-1 and A-3 on neckerchief: \$810.
- > 200-P-1 on neckerchief (flat top): \$355.
- > "FLA." Explorer state strip, mint condition: \$138.49.
- > "FLA." Cub Scout state strip; used: \$200.00.
- > 2014 Section S-4 Conference medal: \$56.99.
- > 2014 Section S-4 Conference OV Special patch (GRN border)" \$84.99.
- > 265 F-3 sewn on neckerchief, #205: \$399.99.
- > Seminole 85 P-1 on neckerchief: \$117.50.
- > Tipisa 326 N2b neckerchief: \$431.00.
- > Area J 1945 Fellowship Meeting neckerchief slide: \$615.85.

MERGER MANIA 2014

Suwannee River Area Council is officially off the hook, as their problems have been resolved, to the point of being issued a regular charter for 2014.

The merger between Coastal Empire Council (Savannah, GA) and Okefenokee Area Council (Brunswick) has been completed. The combined entity is now Coastal Georgia Council. Both lodges are being merged (Tomo Chi-Chi 119, Pilthlako 229), becoming I-Tsu-La Lodge ("it-chula", meaning "togetherness"). The totem for the new lodge is a loggerhead turtle.

NOK-SU CHAPTER CONCH CRAZINESS 2014

From 1992 to 2008 (except for 1996 and 1997), Nok-Su Chapter of O-Shot-Caw Lodge 295 hosted an event at Camp Sawyer, in the Florida Keys, for all Arrowmen to come down for a weekend of camping by the ocean, fun, and fellowship. Often this became another patch trading opportunity in the tropics, just a few weeks after the Section Conference.

Now, after a six year absence, the Conch Craziness Weekend is back. Over 40 Arrowmen came to Camp Sawyer in late April, where there were four patches issued for the event. Three were issued by the host chapter: the attendee patch for everyone (100 made), and the Vigil Breakfast patch (40 made). Another patch was made, with the design of a couch (50 made). This patch was made, due to confusion by the Chapter Chief, who thought that the name of the event was the "Couch Craziness Weekend".

The fourth patch was created by Onathequa Chapter of Echockotee Lodge 200 (100 made). The design was similar to the attendee and Vigil Breakfast patches, except it featured the "tourist owl" totem that the chapter used on their Conch Craziness contingent patches made in 2007 and 2008.





085-S-68? 2014; OA Centennial/ 2015 NOAC; "Scorpion". Ride at Busch Gardens.



085-X-16 2014; OA Centennial/ 2015 NOAC; pocket patch.



085-S-69? 2014; OA Centennial/ 2015 NOAC; "Falcon's Fury" ride at Busch Gardens.



085-S-70? 2014; OA Centennial/ 2015 NOAC; "The Phoenix" ride at Busch Gardens.



200-S-51 2014; S-4 Conference Host; BLK bdr; 700 made



085-S-71? 2014; OA Centennial/ 2015 NOAC; "Falcon's Fury" ride at Busch Gardens.



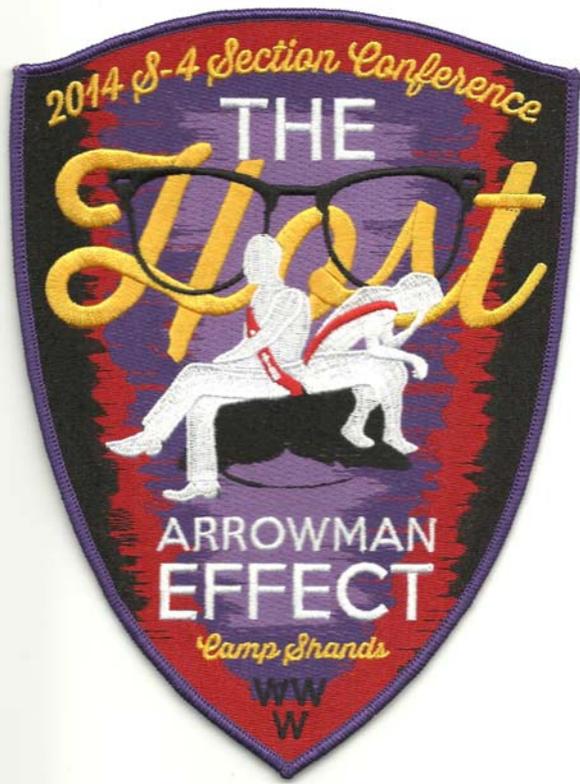
200-S-52 2014; S-4 Conference Host; GLD bdr; 600 made



200-X-29 2014; S-4 Conference Host patch; 500 made



200-N-10 2014; S-4 Conference Host; 125 made



200-J-4 2014; S-4 Conference Host; 150 made



265-F-39 2014; OA 100th ann; RED letters, BLK bdr



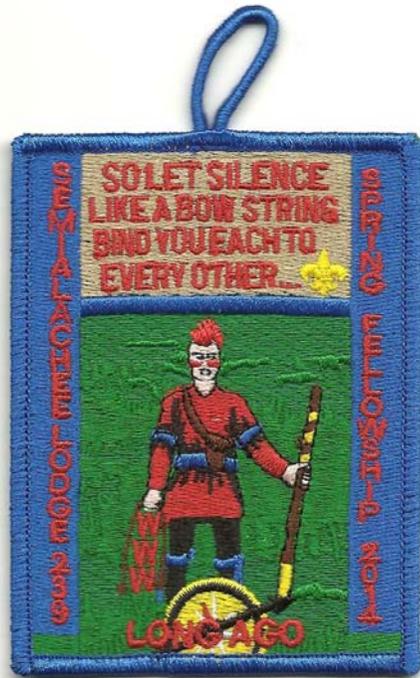
265-F-40 2014; OA 100th ann; GMY letters, BLK bdr; 100 made



239 2014 Winter Fellowship



265 (left) 2014 Lodge Banquet (below) 2014 Section S-4 Conference (bottom) 2014 Summer Ordeal.



239 2014 Spring Fellowship



265 2014 Scoutmaster Camporee Service Corps; 100 made

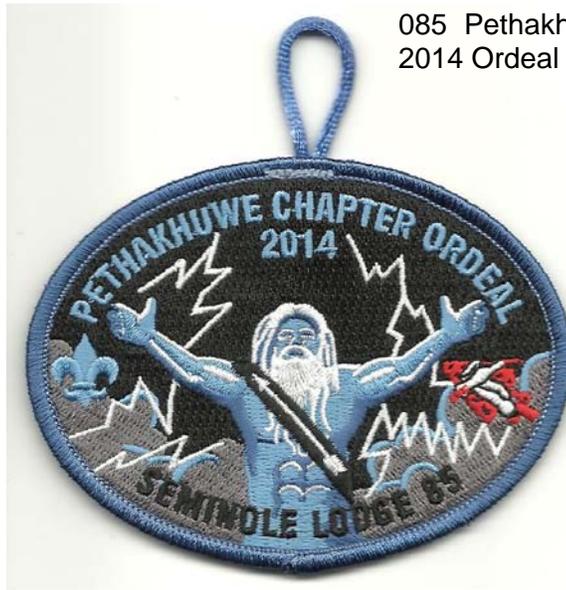


326 Wewahitchka Chapter (above) X-21 2013-2014 (right) X-22 2013-2014 JTE; GLD mylar

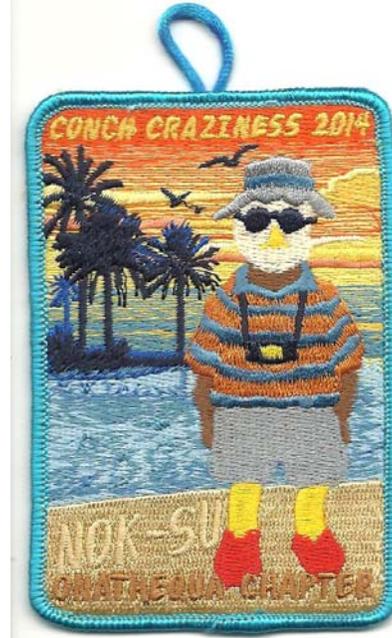
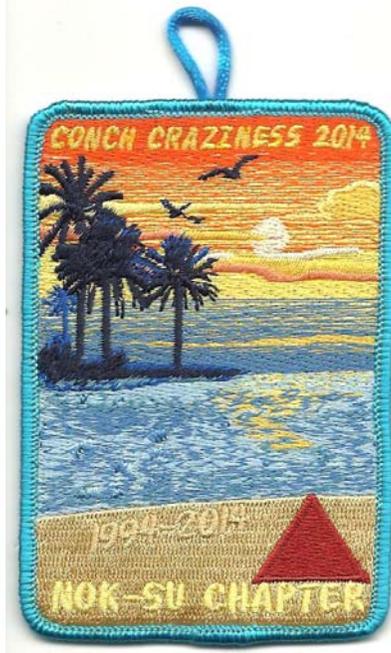
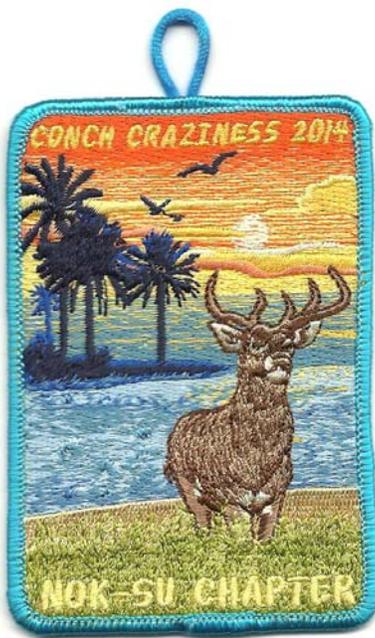




326 Nefkete Chapter X-2 2014



085 Pethakhuwe Chapter 2014 Ordeal



200 Onathequa Chapter 2014 Conch Craziness Weekend; 100 made



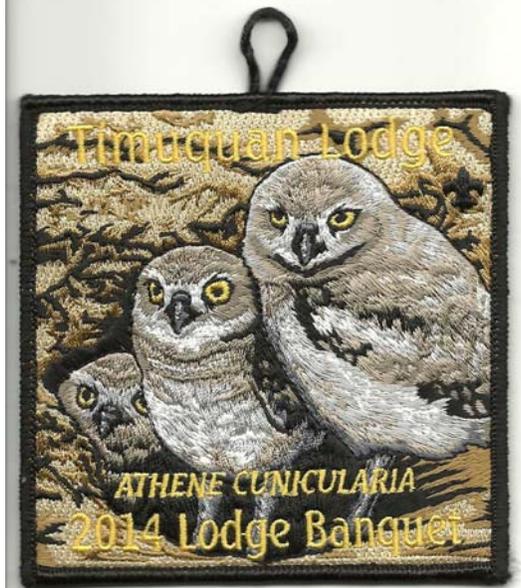
265 (above, left) Nok-Su Chapter 2014 Conch Craziness Weekend; deer; 100 made. (above, right) 2014 Conch Craziness Weekend Vigil Breakfast; 40 made. (right) 2014 Conch Craziness "couch patch"; 50 made.



326 (left, above) 326
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 (above) 2014 Native
 American Weekend,
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 left) 2014 Service
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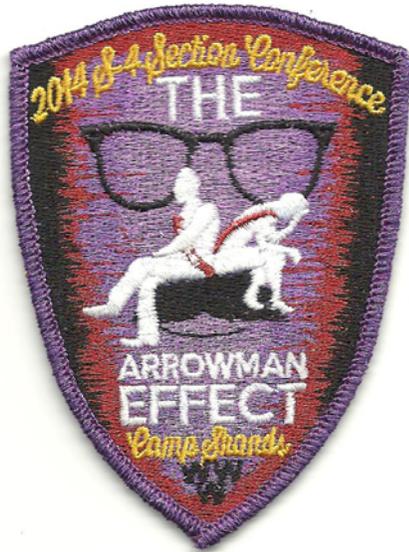
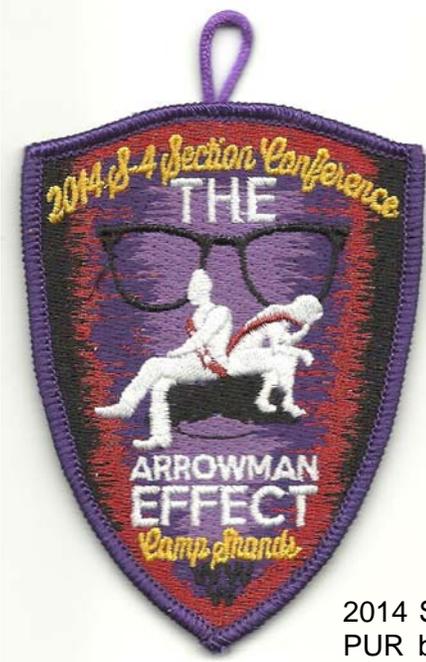


340 (right, above)
 2014 Spring
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 2014 Vigil Breakfast.
 (right, below) 2014
 Lodge Banquet.

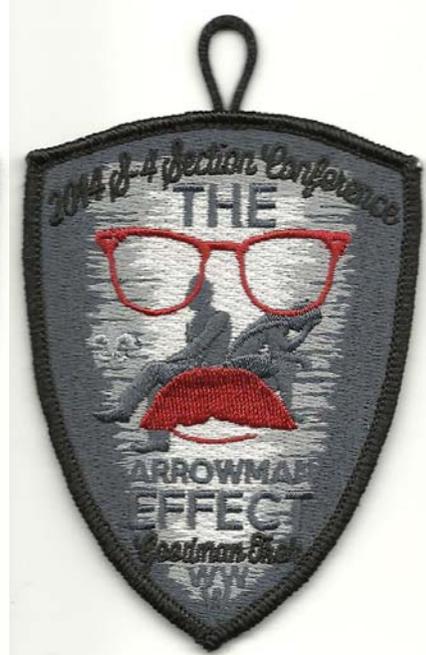
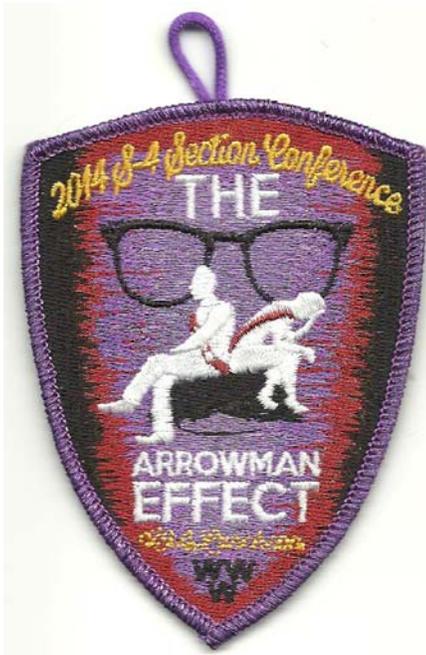




564 Tukosee Mathla Chapter
2014 Panther District
Camporee



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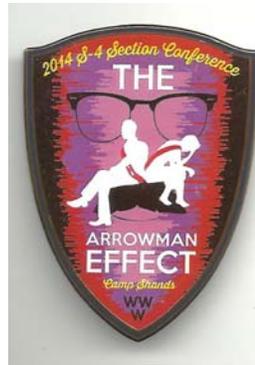




2014 Section S-4 Conference neckerchiefs. (above) patch on cloth; 150 made. (below) embroidered, with woven band; 125 made.



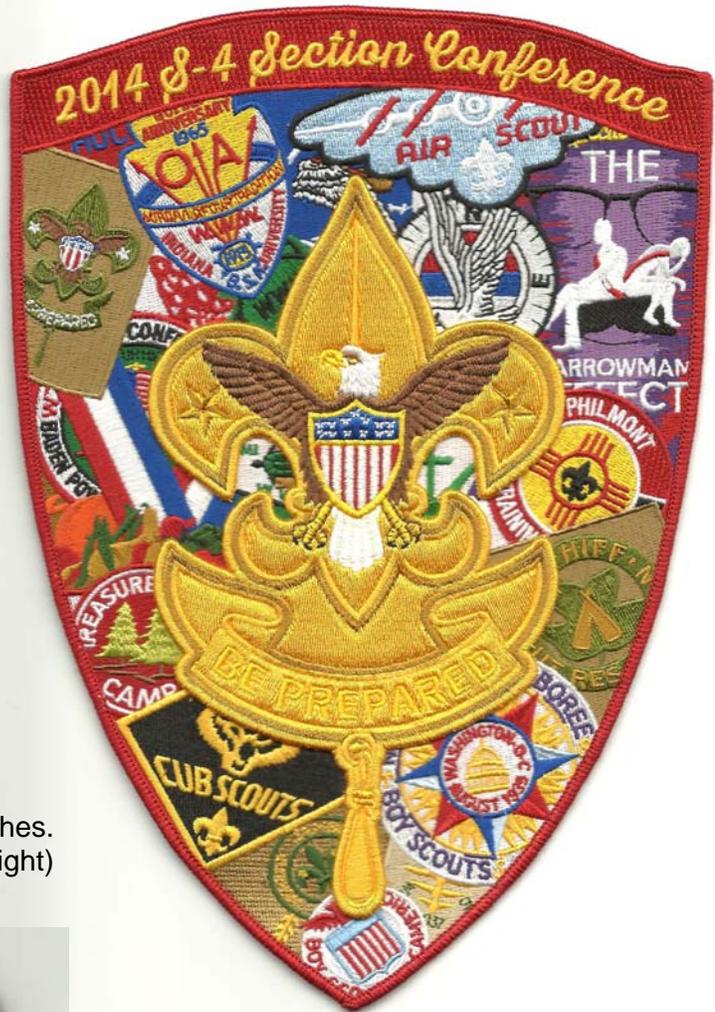
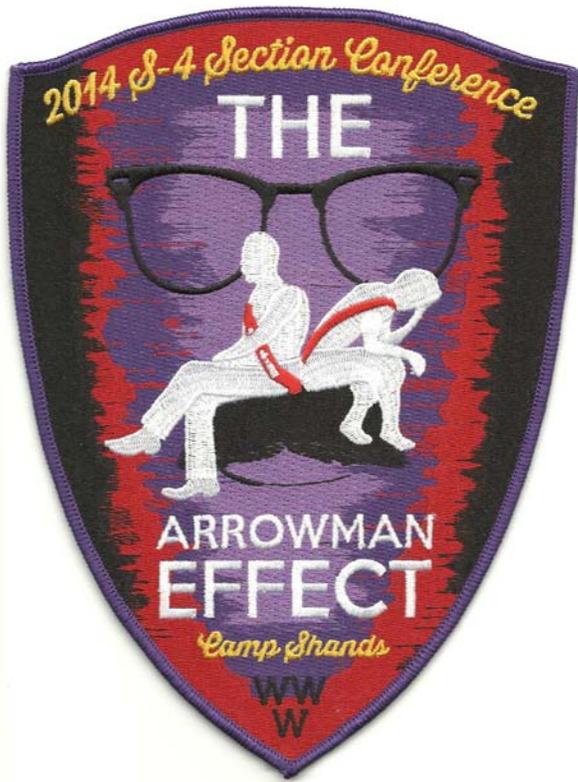
2014 Section S-4 Conference bolo. 100 made.



2014 Section S-4 Conference fat badge (pin #1); 110 made. Metal also used with neckerchief slide backing (100 made), and with no backing, sold as a ball marker for golf tournament (50 made)



2014 Section S-4 Conference Active Arrowman pin (pin #2). 500 made.



2014 Section S-4 Conference jacket patches. (above) Conference design; 150 made. (right) "collage" design; 175 made.



2014 Section S-4 Conference "Gettysburg commemorative medal". Sold to commemorate E Urner Goodman's participation in the 1913 event. 200 made.



2014 Section S-4 Conference Golf Tournament. 100 made.



Gulf Ridge Council SA-?? 2014; council 75th anniversary.



North Florida Council TA-?? 2014; VSW Weekend



Southwest Florida Council TA-?? 2014; Wood Badge