

*New Member
Information*



*Immokalee
Lodge (#353)*

Chehaw Council, #97
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WHO ARE WE?

We are Immokalee Lodge #353 of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. We are the Society of Honor Campers in Chehaw Council who were chosen by our fellow scouts to receive that honor. We have as one of our main purposes to assure the continued high level of camping in Chehaw Council by providing maintenance for Camp Osborn and by providing most of Camp Osborn's summer camp staff, both youth and adult. We are bound together by a unique experience in the lives of young teenage boys, a true test of both physical and mental endurance known as The Ordeal.

History of Immokalee Lodge

Immokalee Lodge (#353) of the Order of the Arrow was officially chartered in Chehaw Council on January 17, 1947. It remained the chartered Order of the Arrow lodge when the Council changed its name to Southwest Georgia Council and when the Council changed its name back to Chehaw Council.

Immokalee Lodge was actually organized in 1945, although it was not officially chartered until 1947. The known charter members were: Luther Wood, Jr. (Albany), Jimmy Buchanan (Americus), Billy Morton (Tifton), Henry David "Sonny" Collier (Tifton), and a scout with the last name of Williams (Colquitt). These members were selected by the Council and went through their ordeal at the Area J conclave in Jacksonville, Florida, the weekend of November 2 to 4, 1945. Luther Wood, Jr. was lodge chief from 1945 through 1947.

According to Luther Wood, Jr., the Council professionals gave the Lodge the name of Immokalee with no input from the boys. No one who has been contacted knows if they researched the meaning of the name or if they just picked the name out of a book on Seminole history.

The word "Immokalee" originated from the Miccosukee Indian word "Ah-mo-gee" which means "my home" or "my place." The Miccosukee language was not a written language, which made it easier for the words to change pronunciations over time. As the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes began to merge in the 1800s, the word became

“Immokalee.” Thus, Immokalee is considered a Seminole word. The word “Immokalee,” nor anything with a similar spelling, is found in the Creek Indian language. In the Creek Indian language, “house” is “Cuko” rather than something similar to Immokalee.

The totem of Immokalee Lodge is the long-eared owl. Legend has it that at the first Tap-Out to be held at Camp Osborn in 1946 a long-eared owl gave its dire hoot of warning and flew down across the dance area as the ceremony team selected those chosen for the Ordeal. As a consequence of this, the lodge adopted the large, long-eared owl, the *óbo* of ancient Creek warriors, as lodge totem.

At least through the early 1960s each troop voted at summer camp which of its members would be elected to the Order of the Arrow. The Tap-Out which took place after dark on the Friday night of camp week consisted of members of the Order of the Arrow dancing in full regalia among the scouts and striking those elected on the shoulder with an arrow to signify their election. Upon being Tapped-Out the Ordeal began immediately with the “night alone under the stars.” Saturday was the work-day, which ended at 5:00 pm and was followed by the traditional supper and ceremony.

At some time in the mid-1960s, the Ordeal was moved to a weekend after summer camp. Also in the mid-1960s, the election process was moved from summer camp to a troop meeting prior to summer camp.

There are no ranks in the Order of the Arrow. But, after 10 months of membership, each Ordeal member can and should become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. A Brotherhood member is in part someone who has taken the time to go back and study the ceremonies and symbolism of the Ordeal weekend, all of which you were to tired to understand during your ordeal weekend. Information on the requirements for becoming a Brotherhood member can be found in your Order of the Arrow handbook. A Vigil member is someone that the Order of the Arrow’s National Council has recognized by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, for having made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to the Lodge, Council, or Scouting.

Since the 1947 chartering of Immokalee Lodge, there have been over 2200 members but only 115 members have received the Vigil Honor. Active membership in Immokalee Lodge has varied over time. Currently it averages 200 scouts at any time, including both youths and adults. The earliest recorded lodge membership is from December 1960, when the Lodge had 98 members. These 98 members consisted of 65 Ordeal members, 31 Brotherhood members, and 2 Vigil members.

Immokalee Lodge publishes its news in *The Owl Hoot*, which was first published in 1960. A number of these publications can be found on the Lodge's website. In 1998, Ben Horton took Immokalee Lodge into the internet age by starting the Immokalee Lodge website. The website was one of the first for an individual lodge and is still operating today at www.immokalee353.org.

The Order of the Arrow is a youth-lead organization, even at the national level. Scouts are considered "youth" for purposes of the Order of the Arrow until they reach the age of 21 rather than 18. Each Lodge elects a Lodge Chief, several Vice-Lodge Chiefs, and a Secretary who run the Lodge. Each youth is assigned an adult advisor to assist him in carrying out his duties. A list of current Immokalee Lodge officers and advisors can be found at the end of this pamphlet.

In addition to the Lodge officers, at the yearly Conclave each Section elects officers from the Scouts in attendance. Over the years, Immokalee Lodge has had three members hold the position of Section Chief. These members are: Jason Adams in 2002 for Section S4N; Troy Golden in 1990 and 1991 for Section SE4; and Ben Horton in 1987, 1988, and 1989 for Section S4. Additionally, a number of Immokalee members have held other Section offices such as Vice-Section Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

While the arrow sash is the identifier of a member of the Order of the Arrow, a patch for the right shirt pocket (usually with the totem and lodge name) was used as an identifier for the individual lodge into the 1950s. In the late 1950s, a patch designed to fit on the flap of the right pocket became the standard Order of the Arrow identifier. These patches are commonly referred to as "flaps." The first patch Immokalee

Lodge used was an hourglass-shaped right pocket patch with the owl emblem. In 1958, under the direction of Miles T. Clements, a member of the Lodge, Ken Hancock, a talented Tifton artist (but not a scout), designed the first flap. The first flap is commonly known as the S1 flap. The "S" means that the flap has stitching covering the backing fabric rather than using the backing fabric as the background. The "1" means that it was the first flap from the lodge. All of the patches that Immokalee Lodge has issued can be found on the Lodge's website.

Immokalee Lodge Section History

Each year the Order of the Arrow lodges in a designated Area or Section gather in the spring for a Conclave. Immokalee Lodge has been part of a number of Sections over the years. They are: from 1945 through 1949, Area J; from 1950 through 1952, Section 6C; from 1953 through 1972, Section 6D; from 1973 through 1982, Area 5; from 1983 through 1992, SE-4; from 1993 through 2001, S4; and from 2002 through 2008, SR-4N. In 2009, Immokalee Lodge will return to a consolidated Section S4 consisting of eleven of the prior S4 lodges, which are 85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545, and 564. Only lodges 119 and 358 will not be rejoining Section S4. A list of the camps and lodges attending each of the Conclaves in which Immokalee Lodge has participated can be found at the end of this pamphlet. Immokalee Lodge has hosted six Section Conclaves at Camp Osborn over the years in 1956, 1961, 1967, 1983, 1992, and 2003.

In addition to the annual Section Conclave, Section S4 held a "Section Seminar" each year. The Section Seminar was a fall gathering of the lodges. The Council of Chiefs met all day Saturday and the other members of the lodges had seminars on Indian culture and other matters relating to the Order of the Arrow. The Section Seminar concept is unique to Section S4 (now S4S) and one other section in the country.

In 2001, the Section Seminar was hosted by Immokalee Lodge and held at Camp Osborn for the newly reformed and divided Section S4. In 2001, Section S4 was enlarged to include southern Alabama and west Florida and divided into south and north subsections. At that time, Echeconnee 358 and Tomo Chi Chi 119 lodges were reassigned from Section S4 to other sections. The 2001 Section Seminar at Camp

Osborn was the only Section Seminar ever held for all of the new Section S4 (both north and south). All fifteen lodges of the new Section S4 and Echeconnee 358 and Tomo Chi Chi 119 (for a total of seventeen lodges) were invited to attend. Consequently, it was called the “Great” S4 Section Seminar.

Table 1
Immokalee Lodge Chiefs and Lodge Advisors
(from 1990)

Year	Lodge Chief	Lodge Advisor
2008	Andrew Horne (finished year) Beau Carroll (started year)	Sam Thompson
2007	Devin Hutchinson	Sam Thompson
2006	Patrick Johnson	Sam Thompson
2005	David Scott	Sam Thompson
2004	Jason Adams	Sam Thompson
2003	Jesse England (finished year) Wade Crozier (started year)	Sam Thompson
2002	Wade Crozier (finished year) Jason Adams (started year)	Sam Thompson
2001	Matt Hall	Sam Thompson
2000	Matt Hall (finished year) Kevin Bacon (started year)	Sam Thompson
1999	Cory Miller	Sam Thompson
1998	Warren Abernathy	Sam Thompson
1997	J. R. Tolbert	Sam Thompson
1996	Eugene Walker	Joe Jackson
1995	J. R. Tolbert Ron Engle	Joe Jackson
1994	Robert Rovick	Al Bell Ed Hart (Temp)
1993	Mack Stephens	Barney Knighton
1992	Ross Newberry	Lee Bates
1991	Trey Causey	Lee Bates
1990	Trey Causey (finished year) Troy Golden (started year)	Harvey Causey

Table 2
Immokalee Lodge Sections/Areas and Conclaves

Year	Section / Area	Host Lodge Location	Lodges Included
2008	SR-4N	Alapaha Lodge 545 Camp Patton	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545
2007	SR-4N	Pilthlako Lodge 229 Camp Tolochee	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545
2006	SR-4N	Woa Cholena 322 Camp Maubila	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545

2005	SR-4N	Alibamu 179 Camp Tukabatchee	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545
2004	SR-4N	Cowikee 224 Camp Alaflo	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545
2003	SR-4N	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545
2002	SR-4N	Alibamu 179 Camp Tukabatchee	179, 224, 229, 322, 353, 385 & 545
2001	S-4	Timuquan 340 Sand Hill S. R.	85, 119, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 358, 545 & 564
2000	S-4	Echockotee 200 Camp Shands	85, 119, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 358, 545 & 564
1999	SR-4	Osceola 564 Camp Miles	85, 119, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 358, 545 & 564
1998	S4	Tipisa 326 Camp La-No-Che	85, 119, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 358, 545 & 564
1997	S4	Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Camp Tanah Keeta	85, 119, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 358, 545 & 564
1996	S4	O-Shot-Caw 265 Camp Seminole	85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545 & 564
1995	S4	Seminole 85 Flaming Arrow S. R.	85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545 & 564
1994	S4	Semialachee 239 S. R.	85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545, 552, & 564
1993	S4	Echockotee 200 Camp Shands	85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545, 552, & 564
1992	SE-4	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn	129, 204, 229, 243, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1991	SE-4	Alapaha 545 Moody A.F.B., Valdosta, Ga.	129, 204, 229, 243, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1990	SE-4	Echeconnee 358 Camp Benjamin Hawkins	129, 204, 229, 243, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1989	SE-4	Waguli 318 Berry College Campus	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1988	SE-4	Mowogo 243 Camp Rainey Mountain	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1987	SE-4	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1986	SE-4	Wehadkee 273 Camp Calvin	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1985	SE-4	Pilthlako 229 Jekyll Island	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1984	SE-4	Chattahoochee 204	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324,

		Chattahoochee S. R.	353, 358, & 545
1983	SE-4	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1982	Area 5	Alapaha 545 Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1981	Area 5	Wehadkee 273 Camp Pine Mountain	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1980	Area 5	Echeconnee 358 Camp Benjamin Hawkins	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1979	Area 5	Bob White 87 Camp Linwood Hayne	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1978	Area 5	Mowogo 243 Rainey Mountain S. R.	129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1977	Area 5	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew	87, 119, 129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1976	Area 5	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	87, 119, 129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1975	Area 5	Chattahoochee 204 Fort Benning Army Base	87, 119, 129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1974	Area 5	Echeconnee 358 Camp Benjamin Hawkins	87, 119, 129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1973	Area 5	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	87, 119, 129, 204, 229, 243, 273, 318, 324, 353, 358, & 545
1972	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, & 353
1971	6D	Ini-to 324 Camp Thunder	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324, & 353
1970	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324, & 353
1969	6D		1969 had no 6D Conclave.
1968	6D	Semialachee 239 Wallwood S. R.	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324 & 353
1967	6D	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324 & 353
1966	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324 & 353
1965	6D	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324 & 353
1964	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	129, 204, 239, 243, 318, 324 & 353
1963	6D	Semialachee #239	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, &

		Camp Silver Lake	353
1962	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1961	6D	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1960	6D	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1959	6D	Ini-to 324 Camp Thunder	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1958	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1957	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1956	6D	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1955	6D	Semialachee 239	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1954	6D	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1953	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie	129, 204, 239, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333 & 353
1952	6C	Tomo-Chi-Chi 119 Camp Strachan	87, 119, 129, 204, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333, 353 & 358
1951	6C	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams	87, 119, 129, 204, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333, 353 & 358
1950	6C	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew	87, 119, 129, 204, 243, 273, 318, 324, 333, 353 & 358
1949	Area J	Calusa 219 Camp Flying Eagle, Bradenton	85, 87, 119, 129, 200, 204, 219, 229, 237, 239, 265, 273, 326, 340, 353 and 358
1948	Area J		No fellowship/meeting held.
1947	Area J	Echockotee 200 Camp Echockotee	85, 87, 119, 129, 200, 204, 219, 229, 237, 239, 265, 273, 326, 340, 353 & 358
1946	Area J	Echockotee 200 Camp Echockotee	85, 87, 119, 129, 200, 204, 219, 229, 237, 239, 265, 273, 326 & 340
1945	Area J	Echockotee 200 Camp Echockotee	85, 87, 119, 129, 200, 204, 219, 229, 237, 239, 265 & 273

Table 4
Vigils from Immokalee Lodge
(Name & Lodge Vigil Number)

David A. Abernathy	11	Ashley Goss	67	Mark Rovick	79
Joe T. Abernathy	10	William C. Graff, Jr.	21	Robby Rovick	76
Joel T. Abernathy	81	Larry Gray	97	Richard M. Sanderson	42
Warren Abernathy	86	Ken Greene	57	Ronald W. Schoeffler	38
Jason Adams	96	Mike Greene	103	David Scott	106
Ben Andrews, III	101	Richard Greene, Jr.	47	Tom M. Seegmueller	27
Ben Andrews, Jr.	41	Johnny Griner	53	Jonah Shalack	87
Ernest Ausby	90	Matt Hall	98	Todd Shiver	45
Kevin Bacon	94	Carl V. Hancock Jr.	107	Granville Simmons	12
Mark Barrett	114	Dennis Holley	55	Leroy H. Starrett	2
Lee Bates	56	Ben S. Horton	61	Mack Stephens	95
Estol BelFlower	3	Devin Hutchinson	112	Ricky Swartzell	28
Paul T. (PT) Braun	24	Miki Hutchinson	110	Sam S. Thompson	88
Thomas W. Brender	72	Rodney Hutchinson	59	J. R. Tolbert	83
Robert Brodbeck	29	Steve Hutchinson	60	Jim Tolbert	85
Raymond Brookins	52	Morris Irwin	7	Bruce Tuten	43
Ray E. Brooks	19	Joe Jackson, Sr.	82	Carlton Unruh	54
Johnnie Bryant, Jr.	58	Joe S. Jakson, III	71	Jimbo Varnum	104
Gary Cannon	73	Jonathan Jenkins	115	Jesse Eugene Walker	80
William Carlan	34	Michael A. Johnson	91	Robert L. Wallis	5
Beau Carroll	113	Patrick Johnson	109	Mike Whitacre	18
Harvey Causey	68	Chet Lapeza	65	John Wilkerson	49
Jeff Causey	75	Brooks Lovelace, Jr.	26	Frank Wilson, III	23
Sara Causey	77	Steven C. Lovelace	35	Earl W. Woodward	9
Trey Causey	70	William R. Lovelace	63	John D. Woodward	13
Miles T. Clements, Jr.	4	Austin McGlaun	93	Greg Wright	15
Tommy Cline, Jr	51	Tim McRae	108	David Yaw	39
Jeffrey A. Cory	16	Paul Tim Merchant	36		
Wade Crozier	105	Chris R. Miller	99		
Larry Curlee	50	Cory Miller	89		
Russell A. Davis	14	Crawford. E. Mosley	46		
Forrest DeLoach Jr.	30	Joe Najjar	100		
Carl Dyck	20	Ronald C. Nance	32		
Mike Ellis	92	Ned Newcomb	37		
Dick Erickson	102	Robin Newcomb	33		
Renea Fennell	111	W. E. Nexson	1		
Terry Fennell	66	Rob Onyenwoke	84		
Earnest Forthman	64	Larry Parr	62		
Greg Fullerton	17	David Perry	40		
Edwin L. Garvin	31	Cole Powell	22		
Perry L. Garvin	25	Wayne Quinn	78		
Edward Gnehm, Jr.	6	Jerome Reddick	48		
Edward Gnehm, Sr.	8	John Roberts	74		
Troy Golden	69	Nathan L. Roper	44		

2008 Lodge Officers

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2008-2009 Calendar

September 19 to 21, 2008 - Fall Ordeal at Camp Osborn

November 14 - 16, 2008 - Makeup Fall Ordeal at Camp Osborn

December 4, 2008 - Winter Banquet

January 24, 2009 - Winter Fellowship

February 13 - 15, 2009 - Endurance Ride

**April 17 - 19, 2008 - Section Conference at
Sandhill Scout Reservation, Timuquan Lodge Host**