



Immokalee Lodge Service Flap

The Executive Committee has authorized a limited issue service flap to be awarded to Immokalee Arrowmen who meet the requirement for service in 1994. The flap design will be the present lodge flap design but have a gold border. At present the total number to be ordered is set at 50.

The purpose of the Immokalee service flap is to say thank you to those arrowmen in the lodge who have shown themselves to be "unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others." The flap may be earned by any member in good standing, youth or adult. Only one flap may be earned by each member. All flaps not distributed will be destroyed by the lodge. Service flaps will not be offered for sale to anyone. Flap is earned by completing the 3 requirements below by December 31, 1994.

Each Arrowman is responsible for maintaining their own record of service on the Lodge Service Flap Record sheet. A record sheet may be obtained at any Lodge Function. It may be folded to fit in your wallet or medicine bag. There are over 100 hours of accepted service available to the Arrowman on the service record card. Any combination that totals 50 or more hours of service is acceptable for the service flap.

The Executive Committee of the Lodge hopes that it will be forced to order extra service flaps to meet the number of arrowmen who meet the requirements. Ordeal members from the 1994 ordeal weekend will be able to qualify for the service flap on an adjusted requirements list to allow them to reap the benefits of service to the Lodge.

Requirements For 1994 Immokalee Lodge Service Flap

1. COMPLETE 50 HOURS WORK IN SERVICE TO THE LODGE
 2. ATTEND 75% OF ALL LODGE & CHAPTER FUNCTIONS DURING 1994
 - a. INCLUDES COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU SERVE
 - b. COUNTS AS SERVICE HOURS
 3. BRING THE SPIRIT OF W. W. W. INTO
- continued (see Service Flap PG 3)

ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE HELD MARCH 25TH

The 1994 Immokalee Annual Banquet will be held on the evening of Friday, March 25, 1994, at 7:30 pm. It will be held at the Western Sizzlein' Steak House, on Dawson Road in Albany Ga. The cost for the program is \$9.00 per person and includes a steak dinner with all the trimmings. This function replaces the Christmas Banquet which was postponed in December. There will be a guest speaker and lodge awards will be presented for service to the lodge in 1993.

The Annual Banquet is the one function of the lodge open arrowmen and their non OA guests so bring you family or Scoutmaster. You will also have an opportunity to pay your dues for 1994 and receive your membership card at the same time.

Please send in your reservation to the council office by March 21, 1994 so we may inform the restaurant how many dinners we will need. You may also reserve your place at the Spring Fellowship on the weekend of March 18th. Checks for the banquet and dues should be made payable to the council. A mail in reservation form is included in this issue of the "Owl Hoot". The executive committee has worked hard to provide a quality banquet for the membership this year, don't miss it.

SPRING FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND '94

The Immokalee Lodge Spring Fellowship Weekend is set for the 11th thru 13th of March at Camp Osborn. Plans for the event call for a brotherhood ceremony for those members wishing to renew their commitment to the order, practicing the "Quest" competitions to be held at the S-4 Conference in April, good food, patch trading, fun and fellowship. This is one to the OA events where work is held to a minimum and fun is raised to the maximum. Make plans to attend this preparation for the Conference and send in your registration early. The registration form is included in this issue of the "Owl Hoot". The cost for the weekend has been set at \$10 for all members and \$15 if you wish to attain brotherhood rank.

At the "Winter Pow Wow" only 16 members attended, most from the NE Chapter. We can do better than this, lets have representation from all the chapters and at least 40 for FUN at the Fellowship weekend.

STATE OF THE LODGE - - -

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First I would like to thank the Northeast District chapter for showing up to the "Winter Pow Wow." They made it fun for everyone who attended the weekend.

Second I must say that as a Lodge we were PITIFUL! It is time that we start acting as a Lodge devoted to service. It is also time to put personal differences behind us and start thinking about Immokalee Lodge. Do you remember the obligation WE all made during our ordeal? Are YOU ready to live up to that obligation no matter how weighty the responsibility? If not, this is not the Lodge I joined five years ago. It is time that we get our



ear ends off the couch and start coming to the Lodge functions!

Third, I would like to place a challenge with all chapters to start getting active. You are challenged to elect a new chapter chief and officers for 1994 and appoint a unit elections team for your chapter (Northeast Chapter did this at the Winter Pow Wow). Meet this challenge before the next lodge executive committee meeting to be held at 2 PM on February 27th, 1994, in the Doctor's lunch room at Palmrya Hospital in Albany. Those called on to be officers of the chapters and lodge should come to this meeting with their adult advisors.

in the W.W.W.

Robert Rovick, Lodge Chief

Who Knows X-ACTLY?

By now every one has received their copy of the Lodge Planbook or 1994. But one piece of paper included in the packet remains a mystery to everyone, the training schedule with the black "X" through it. Does any one know what it means? Does anyone even care? Call in Sherlock Holmes! Help solve this perplexing problem, call in your information of the meaning of "the X-tra" paper to 555 I DON'T KNOW! The Arrowman with the best case presented to solve this mystery will receive an X-act replica of the paper suitable for fire starting.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

In the past the Order of the Arrow has inducted youth and given them additional opportunities to mature through Scouting. Today, as adults, these arrowmen stand out in many different walks of life. The Council President is an attorney, Thrives Smith is a dentist, his brother a doctor, Frank Wilson is a doctor, Wayne Woodward is a college professor, Ben Andrews is a doctor, and the past Council Commissioner, his son and grandson continue the tradition within our lodge. They all have a single thread that runs through them as a common bond, the Scouting Movement runs deep in their hearts. These men are good people whom the members of their troops said they would like to camp with them. They were someone who would lend a helping hand in the spirit of Scouting. These men belong to the W.W.W. as Arrowmen.

The next generation of adults like these are present today, as Immokalee's youth members. To extend our Order's traditions and those of the scouting movement into the next century we need a vision, a plan for the future. We need a new advisor with a fresh approach to the lodge program. We need youth who are committed to the principals of Scouting and the ideals of the Order of the Arrow. We must have adults willing to attend, support, and teach the youth members as they work to bring the Order of the Arrow back to plain view within our Council's Scouting program. The Lodge needs to be a ridge pole to lift the Council camping program to new heights.

In looking at our youth for our future, what better way to boost their confidence than to teach them to run their Lodge and to let them do it?

Adults, it is up to you get them to the functions. Adults, it is up to you to advise the youth committees. Adults, it is up to you to teach the youth how to make native dress, drums, and dance.

It is up to the Youth to attend the functions to give them life. It is up to the Youth to weigh carefully the advice given them by their advisors as the Youth make decisions for the Lodge.

It is up to the Youth to take up the principals of Scouting and the ideals of the Order of the Arrow to build the strongest possible Lodge for the good of the Scouts, your troop, the camping program and your Council.

Your Past Advisor,

Lee Bates

Pay your 1994 Dues
TODAY

Still only \$4.00

Mail them to the Council Office



THE ADVISOR'S FIRE

Greetings to my fellow Arrowmen. Who is this you are asking? I am Ed Hart and as of January 16th I have been the District Executive for the Northeast and Southwest Districts. I have also been given the honor of serving as your Professional Advisor and temporarily serving as your lay advisor.

Born and raised in Valdosta Ga, I joined Scouting in 1982, was elected to OA in 1984 in the Alapaha Lodge and after two years service as lodge secretary-treasurer I was taped Vigil Honor as a youth in 1989. I earned Eagle rank finishing nearly six years of work as a Scout. I have attended three national jamborees, the last serving on a sub-camp staff, a world jamboree and have notched ten years on summer camp staff. From 1988 until this January, I have been serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster. From my experiences in my Scouting career and those I have gained elsewhere I believe I have the know how to serve you and our lodge.

As a new comer to Immokalee Lodge and being unfamiliar with its operations and membership I must be careful in setting goals for near and far future. The ones I look toward include an increase in membership; making every Arrowman an active one; to see that the Lodge fulfills its role in the Council by promoting camping, especially this year's season at Camp Osborn; and to make sure that each Arrowman is justly proud of this lodge. These should be the goals of every Arrowman and every lodge in the Order of the Arrow. To make these goals become reality will take your help and support. For more specific goals see your lodge officers at the Spring Fellowship.

Lastly as you should have seen in your lodge calendar in the planbook you received a few weeks ago, the lodge has a heavy load for the upcoming year. Occurring in the next month are three events that will set the tone for the new year and give the lodge a chance to refocus on its service to the brotherhood of Scouting. Plus these events are fun! To remind you of them and their dates they are: Spring Fellowship Weekend, March 11 - 13th, the Lodge Annual Banquet, March 25th and the S-4 Section Conference April 22 - 24th. Remember Arrowmen, the Immokalee Lodge is yours and it is what YOU make of it.

In the Brotherhood,
Ed. Hart

SMOKE SIGNALS ...

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

NORTHEAST CHAPTER

The Northeast chapter attended the Winter Pow Wow at Camp Osborn on January 14 and 15th. Elected as Chapter Chief for 1994 is Shannon Hooper, Troop 26, Americus and elected Chapter Vice-Chief for 1994 is Ron Ingle, Troop 231.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE ADVISORS NOTE:

There are no other reports from any of the other chapters in the Lodge. I hope the each Chapter will hold chapter election for officers and form a chapter unit election team for the 1994 ordeals before the Spring Fellowship and send a report of their activities to the OWL HOOT care of the Council office.

In the Brotherhood

Mark Rovick,

Publications Advisor



**DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN
ONLY YOUR SERVICE CAN
SAVE OUR LODGE**

SERVICE FLAP

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YOUR UNIT BY:

- ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUR UNIT, DISTRICT, AND COUNCIL
- PROMOTE CAMPING AND SUMMER CAMP IN YOUR UNIT, DISTRICT AND COUNCIL
- BE A SCOUTING ROLE MODEL TO YOUNGER SCOUTS IN YOUR UNIT, DISTRICT, AND COUNCIL

**GET YOUR SERVICE FLAP RECORD SHEET AT THE
SPRING FELLOWSHIP.**

1994 S-4 CONFERENCE

CAMP WALLWOOD APRIL 22 - 24

This year's Section 4 Conference will be held at Camp Wallwood near Chinook Fl. The planning for this, the biggest function of the Section's year has been going on for over a year. If you have never been to a Section Conference (in old SE-4 they were called conclaves) don't miss this one! What goes on? Lots of fun, food, fellowship, and, since we're not the host lodge, no work! If you want to learn about Indian customs, dress, singing and dancing, conference is a good place to start. Want to find out more about Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremonies? Come to the Conference. If you are a lodge flap collector and trader then you can not miss the conference with a whole tent devoted to patch trading!! All in all, an OA conference is the fun and the thank-you for your service to your lodge and Scouting. Who can attend? Any lodge member in good standing with his lodge may attend. Good standing means your current dues are paid and you want to participate in the work of the lodge.

How much does it cost to attend this great weekend event? Only \$13 per Arrowman but there is a \$5 late fee for reservations received at the council office after March 15th. You can send in your pre-paid reservation by filling out the event registration form below and mailing it to the council office or pay your Conference registration fee at the Spring Fellowship. The Lodge Chief wants to organize an Immokalee Convoy for transportation to the Conference. Details will be hammered out at the Spring Fellowship. Our Lodge attendance goal for the 1994 Conference is to have 30 Arrowmen represent Immokalee 353 at Camp Wallwood. Directions to the Conference will be available at the Spring Fellowship and annual banquet for those who can not join the convoy.

UNIT ELECTION 1994

The unit elections for election to Ordeal Candidate status is the responsibility of each local chapter. The to hold these elections is now! The executive committee asks each chapter to organize a unit election committee so that deserving Scouts may be nominated for membership. Scoutmasters who wish to hold unit elections should sent their unit election request to the council service center. If, after the Spring Fellowship a chapter has not formed an election team, unit elections in that chapter will be held by available Lodge officers. All elections for 1994 will be completed by the date set in the 1994 planbook.

SPRING EVENTS '94 REGISTRATION FORM

LEAVE YOUR MAILING LABEL ON THIS PART OF THE FORM SO WE CAN TELL WHO THIS FORM IS FROM.

WILL BE ATTENDING THESE EVENTS:

- I WANT TO PAY MY DUES FOR '94
- SPRING FELLOWSHIP
 I WISH TO EARN BROTHERHOOD
- ANNUAL BANQUET
- S - 4 CONFERENCE
(IF RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 15)
AFTER MARCH 15TH

COST ENCLOSED

\$ 4 \$ _____

\$10 \$ _____

\$ 5 \$ _____

\$ 9 \$ _____

\$13 \$ _____

\$18 \$ _____

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