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FALL FELLOWSHIP AND ORDEAL SEPTEMBER 14-16

Our Fall Fellowship and Ordeal will be here soon. Make your plan to be at Camp Osborn the weekend of September 14-16 and help your Brothers with our fall service projects: Immokalee Cub World, bike and hiking trails, etc. Cost is \$12, unless you are converting to Brotherhood membership—more on that below. Pre-register on the form at the end of this "OWL HOOT".

If you have been an Ordeal Member for at least 10 months, you should complete your membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood. It's real simple: write a letter to the Lodge explaining what the Obligation means to you and what you have done in service and leadership since you became an Ordeal Member, participate in the Brotherhood review with others and complete the Ceremony. Cost is \$20. Pre-register on the form at the end of this "OWL HOOT".

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STAND FOR ANY LODGE OR CHAPTER OFFICE, YOU MUST INFORM THE LODGE ADVISER IN WRITING BY 10 PM, FRIDAY NIGHT AND TALK TO THE LODGE AND STAFF ADVISER BY NOON ON SATURDAY.

So, come on out, wear your work clothes, and don't forget to bring your Class A uniform, sleeping bag, tent, etc.

IMMOKALEE LODGE AND THE SECTION SEMINARS

Hopefully, everyone is aware by now that our Lodge will be the Host Lodge for Seminars for our new section, 4N and our old section, 4S. There will be a total of 17 lodges invited to this event. We want to make a good impression and show all these lodges that Immokalee Lodge is one of the best. We have asked several of our Brothers to head up various aspects of the things we need to do. They will all need help from other members. When they call you, tell them you will be glad to help. The dates of the Seminars are November 2-4, but some things will have to be done before then. So, if you are asked, say yes.

SUMMER CAMP 2001

Summer Camp 2001 at Camp Osborn?? Yeah, that's right, we did it again. If you didn't make it, YOU missed out. This year was full of **FUN, ADVENTURE** and **LOTS OF MERIT BADGES**.

To start with, we had three full weeks. We had nearly 300 scouts and scouters from our council and other councils as well.

Thanks to a full staff, we were able to add several new merit badges in our Nature and Aquatics areas. The Frontiersman Program was a big success. It even brought in a Mountain Man candidate. There were also many Trappers and Pioneers.

The Field Sports program was a real big **BANG** with the addition of Black Powder rifles.

There were lots of special activities—moonlight swims, movie night, blacksmithing, Marathon Relay, climbing the wall and Slide for Life. And yes, the food was excellent also.

There was High Adventure: a 50 mile canoe trip down the Flint River and the C.O.P.E. Program.

Our Lodge called out many new Ordeal Candidates each Wednesday night. The Ceremonies Team did a great job in the Call-Out Ceremony in front of large crowds of family and other visitors.

Through it all the Spirit of Scouting lives on at Camp Osborn. Memories were made, friendships old and new were kindled. By the end we were sad to see it over. We would like to thank **ALL** the Staff and others who helped with the program. The Camp Promotion and Unit Election Team will be visiting your troop in a few months to enlist your support and attendance at Camp Osborn in 2002 to make our camp grow even bigger and better.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matt Hall and Eric Ginter

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA AND IMMOKALEE LODGE AT THE 2001 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

For the first time ever our council sent two full troops of scouts to the National Scout Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill, VA. And it was a **BLAST**. It was 10 fun filled days of excitement.

We traveled by train to Washington, D. C. where we toured all the important things. Then we traveled to Baltimore to see the Orioles play the Angles. I think we were all glad to see Cal Ripcan, Jr play ball.

After leaving D. C., we made our way to Ft. A. P. Hill. The first day was mainly unpacking and setting up camp, but we found time to do a little patch trading before taps. The next day we hit the Jamboree like a freight train.

There was so much to do and so many places to go, everyone was amazed. You could go rock climbing, rappelling, scuba diving, canoeing, shoot shotguns, work on merit badges and even go fishing and cook and eat what you caught.

But PATCH TRADING was one of the biggest activities there. You couldn't walk (and we had to walk everywhere!) down the road without seeing dozens of people with their towels laid out with patches for trading. I am proud to say that our "M & M" patches made the top 5 in popularity, according to a local newspaper.

One of the biggest things at the Jamboree was the Arena Shows. At the Opening Show, we had all kinds of entertainment including a new GOOD LOOKING GIRL group called the "Three of Hearts". There was also an awesome laser show.

Some of the exhibits included the US Army, the Explorer Rain Forest, a GMC car exhibit (they "loaned" the Jamboree over 500 automobiles!!). Then there was the Order of the Arrow SCOUTTOPIA. This was a very entertaining show. They used over 17 miles of toilet paper in about 10 minutes! The stars of the show were the "Blue, Green and Red" men. They did some awesome stuff.

On Sunday, it rained and rained and rained. But it didn't dampen our spirits. We did all kinds of fun stuff in the rain. One really bad thing about the rain was that the Arena Show scheduled for Sunday night was postponed until Monday night. President Bush had been scheduled to address us, and because of the postponement had to cancel and sent a video instead. During the show, we had some bands and some acts from troops attending the Jamboree. Near the end of the show was a candle light ceremony. It was breathtaking to see 40,000 candles concentrated in a fairly small area. But the most awesome thing was the fire works! Everywhere you looked, fireworks were exploding into the air. I heard someone say it cost over 1.5 million dollars! If that didn't make our days worthwhile, I don't know what would.

After that great show, the Jamboree started winding down and coming to an end. The last night we were there, we started breaking camp. The next day we packed up and went back to Washington to catch the train home. It was sad to see that the Jamboree was over. We had a great time and I am certain the next Jamboree will be even bigger and better. I am planning on going back and I hope to see you at the 2005 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE!!!!

Wade Crozier

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE 2001 FALL FELLOWSHIP
SEPTEMBER 14-16**

I plan to attend the Fellowship.

NAME _____

Enclosed is my \$12.

If you plan to convert to Brotherhood membership, please enclose \$20 and circle the statement below.

I wish to complete my membership in the Order and become a Brotherhood member.

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