



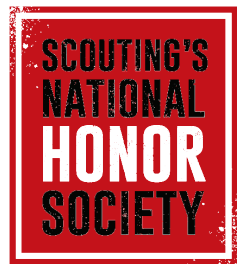
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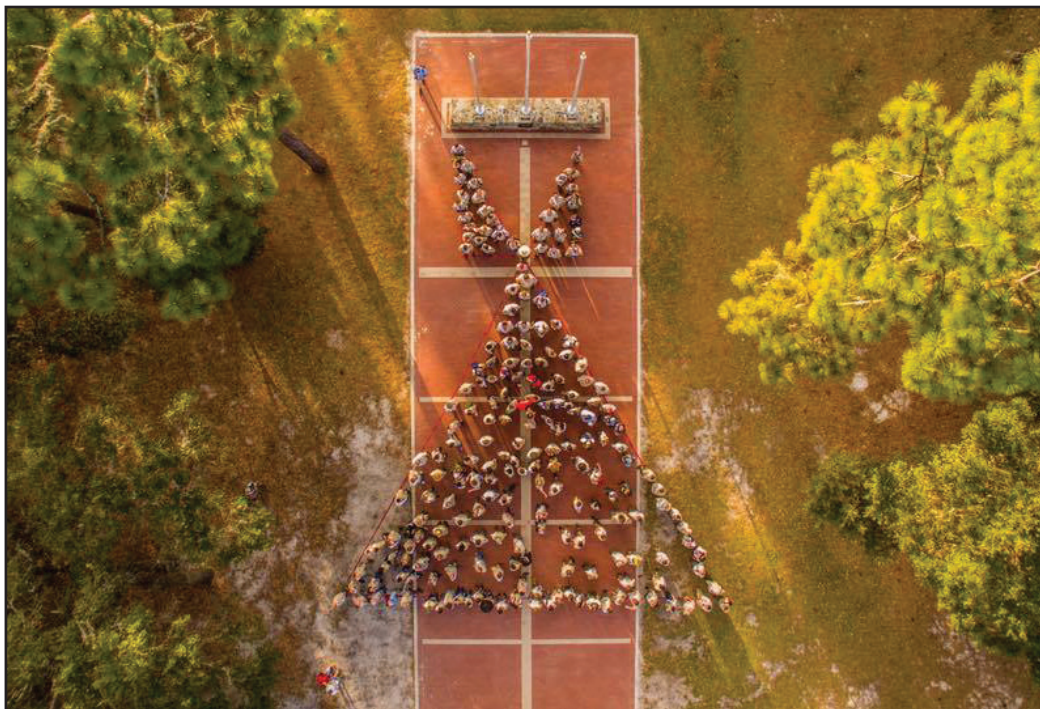


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From the Lodge Chief: Ivan Diaz

As the summer comes to an end and the Lodge year picks back up, I am eager to show you the new and exciting events and programs being brought to you.

With the passing of our annual Lodge Leadership Development Program, it's time to put your training to use! You can take an active role within the Lodge by engaging at chapter meetings, learning and competing at lodge weekends, or by serving on a lodge or



chapter committee. With training opportunities like NLS, SLS, and other Lodge weekends available, I urge you to take advantage of them. Together through the advancement of new and substantial classes, I hope for this year to be a year of training in hopes that you become more engaged in your communities in and out of Scouting. With a global atmosphere of negativity and belligerence, I saw it fitting to establish (continued on Page 2)



EVENTS

September 1st-3rd

2017 Tipisa Lodge Fall Fellowship, Camp La-No-Che

September 8th-10th

NLS (National Leadership Seminar) & DYLC (Developing Youth Leadership Conference), Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, FL

November 3rd-5th

SLS (Section Leadership Seminar), Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation, Lake Wales, FL

December 1st-3rd

Council Jamboree, Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee, FL

December 2017 through January 2018

Chapter Ordeal Season

2018

February 2nd-4th

Tipisa Native American Weekend, Camp La-No-Che

March 9th-11th

2018: Spring Conclave, Camp La-No-Che

April 13th-15th

Section Conference, Camp Miles, Punta Gorda, FL

May 18th-20th

Service Weekend
Camp La-No-Che

About Your Lodge Leadership



2017 Lodge Officers, Left to Right: Treasurer Jordan Barber, Secretary Francisco Rivera, Chief Ivan Diaz, First Vice Chief Hunter Clifton, Second Vice Chief Jackson Mosteller. Not Pictured: Historian Joshua Filion.

TIPISA - Your Lodge

The Order of the Arrow is led by youth leadership with help from adult advisers. At the local level, lodges exist to serve BSA councils and individual units. The key leaders in the lodge are the youth lodge chief, volunteer adult lodge adviser, and staff adviser. The lodge chief presides over the Lodge Executive Committee, which is responsible for executing the annual program of the lodge.

Your Chapter

Tipisa has one chapter for each district of the council. Each chapter has its own officers and advisers, the officers being elected by the youth OA members within the chapter. Chapters provide the ability to have meetings closer to home and meetings and events can be scheduled to coincide with the district events. The chapter is central to providing quality unit

visits for camping promotion, and unit elections.

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From the Chief, Continued...

this year's theme as "United in Service" with the aim of expressing that Tipisa Lodge and its members are committed to foster the Order of the Arrow's tenets of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service within their communities. As we become united this year, I hope to lead the Lodge in achieving a Gold level in the "Journey to Excellence" program and to become the "Best All Around Lodge" within our Section for this year. It's time to put Tipisa Lodge back on top!

United in Service,

Ivan J. Diaz
Lodge Chief

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Most chapters maintain Facebook groups or pages, email lists, websites, and other social media presence. Contact your individual chapter to get links to stay up to date on all your chapter's activities.

TIPISummit: The Brothers Staff Up Jamboree

OA is about fun and leadership. Tipisa Brothers were all over Summit during this Summer's National Jamboree. Many held staff positions, and a whole lot more just got to experience the fun of Jambo. Here are three quick takes on the event from Tipisa Jambo Staffers:



Justin Benson: OA Trek Guide

The 2017 National Jamboree was a blast. I got the chance to work as a trek guide which involves meet and greet, ushering, little jobs here and there, and taking contingents up to garden ground. This was my third time going to a jamboree. My favorite part about the Jamboree was meeting new people and making new friends. On one of the first days when all the troops and venturing crews and international were arriving, I made friends with all the people from Uruguay. Later in the Jamboree I would go to their campsite, chat, have fun, trade stories and just have a good time. They were awesome. The Jamboree is definitely an awesome experience and a once in a lifetime deal.



Vincent Annunziata: The Bows

The 2017 National Jamboree: what an incredible time for such an amazing event up in West Virginia. Being a participant is one unique world roaming up the mountain sides traveling to your next event but being a staffer at such a large event is a spectacular honor. I was on The Bows staff where we ran all six of the unique ranges at the Summit. Where they started with a safety briefing and the archers were able to shoot their hearts out. The day started with the bright sun rising over the mountain peaks and you can see the fog rising away, shortly followed by breakfast. Quickly eat your food, grab your lunch to-go bag and hurry down to the shuttle point where we sat on the school bus and got off when they finally made it to your area. First things first are bringing all the gear down to the range including the shooting gloves, arm guards, bows, and arrows. We chose the person giving the range commands for the day and ran the range. The bows area was open from 8am – 5pm almost every day, except for show days that we closed at 4pm. The bows on average of a day had close to two thousand shooters on all six ranges.



Jackson "Crash" Mosteller: Low Gear

Low Gear was the mountain bike hub just outside of the Summit Center. There I was a Mechanic/Patroller working on bikes and then taking to the trails to see if anyone was having difficulties. This combination worked really well for me. I got to meet many new and exciting people at the mechanics' shed and have a great time riding on trails people in Florida only dream of. So, yeah, about that: On one of my downhill runs, I had just finished the first turn and was headed into the second. My front wheel was turned just a little too much, and it dug a large rock out of the ground. I went over my handle bars and landed on my hip and shoulder. When the medic arrived, my adrenaline was so strong my muscles seized, and I couldn't move my leg. They thought I had broken something serious. I was glad that I was wearing that full faced helmet, because I bent the chin bar when I bounced. To make a long story short, I crashed near where the President was supposed to arrive that day. No civilian vehicles could get in. So I got a FAST ride to the hospital on a Blackhawk helicopter. It ended up that I was ok, but the doctors said that was my last ride down the trail.

Don't Miss Fall Fellowship!

Sept 1-3, Camp La-No-Che

Get Info and Register At:
www.tipisa.org

Come join your Lodge Brothers in an epic display of spirit and competition, for a fun-filled weekend. Compete with and cheer on your Chapter in the Quest for the Golden Arrow! Adults, you'll need to compete as well in the Quest for the Silver Arrow. Board game tournaments, lodge-wise surprises, and so much more are in store! Bring your bathing suit!

Walk-In Registration is Available!

Saturday morning will hold seminars in chapter operations, inductions, program, and so much more. Prepare to learn how to become a better servant leader!

Brotherhood will be offered for those eligible (Ordeal members of 10 months or more). Seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow and complete your induction!

Event Questions? Contact Event Chair Hunter Clifton and Adviser Eric Cooper via: fallfellowship@tipisa.org.



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