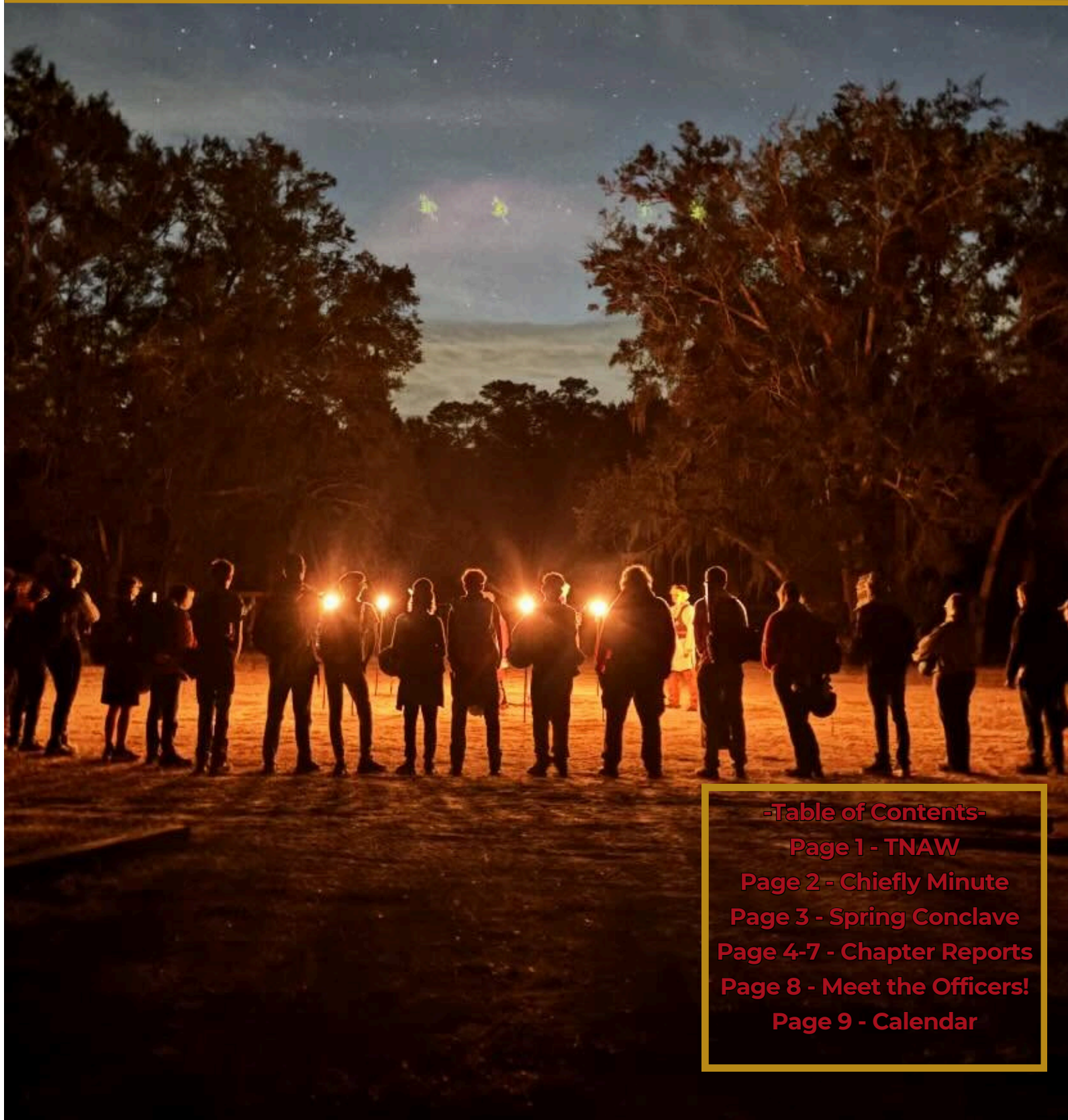


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# TIPISA NORTH AMERICAN WEEKEND

Tipisa Lodge wants you—a brother of the Order of the Arrow—to staff TNAW, one of the largest council events of the year! Save the date for February 6-8, 2027 at Camp La-No-Che, where Tipisa Lodge will host Tipisa North American Weekend: an unforgettable experience filled with fun, adventure, service, and fellowship.

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# CHIEFLY MINUTE

Benton Forrester, 2026 Lodge Chief

Brother,

The first half of this lodge year has truly been one to remember. We kicked things off with an outstanding Lodge Leadership Development, and we are proud to recognize Brother Alex Heppermann and Brother Donald Dillon as recipients of the Outstanding Service Award, two incredibly deserving brothers.

Our Fall Fellowship was another highlight, as we had the pleasure of hosting all three section officers during our Percy Jackson, themed weekend. Congratulations to Lemhee-Yekchi for winning the Quest for the Golden Arrow!



A special thank you goes to our past Lodge Chief, Alex Heppermann, for leading Tipisa with excellence and setting us up for success this lodge year. Thanks as well to our leaders from previous years and to our current leadership team. Because of your dedication, I am proud to share that Tipisa has officially rechartered as a High Performing Lodge for the second year in a row. Tipisa continues its tradition of excellence, and you should all be proud of the lodge you are part of.



Looking ahead, I hope you all are excited for our How to Train Your Dragon, themed Spring Conclave, taking place March 6–8. I am also looking forward to visiting with the other lodges at Section Conference and to Service Weekend, where we will see who steps forward as our next generation of lodge leaders.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Benton Forrester

Lodge Chief, Tipisa Lodge

Chief@Tipisa.org



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# SPRING CONCLAVE

Mia DeVivo, 2026 Spring Conclave Chair

This year's Spring Conclave is going to be an action-packed, gravity-defying weekend as you take flight through our Dragon Training! Want to face off in the Vikings Games, spend time with your fellow brothers, or even seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow? Your chance is coming up March 6th-8th, 2026, at Camp La-No-Che.

This "How to Train Your Dragon" themed weekend is going to feature activities such as Dragon Racing, Capture the Dragon Egg, Longship Battles, and a Dungeons and Dragons campaign so make sure to bring your spirit. You also have the opportunity to earn your Brotherhood Honor and complete your Induction if you have been an Ordeal member for at least six months. Come support your fellow brothers as they are recognized for their exceptional service in the Vigil Callout and our Founders Award presentation.

Which chapter will take home the spirit cone? The king's cup trophy? The whole weekend? Make sure you're there to find out. Sign up today at [tipisa.org](http://tipisa.org) and feel free to reach out at [springconclave@tipisa.org](mailto:springconclave@tipisa.org) if you have any questions!

## LETTER FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Delaney Townes

The Kings Cup Competition is an amazing opportunity to show off your chapter pride! Fill it with your chapter's historical artifacts, pictures, spirit items and more! If you are looking to win this coming Spring Conclave I have a few tips for you. The first is pay very close attention to and follow the rubric that is emailed out before the competition since that is where the point values come from. The second is teamwork. It might sound weird since chapters only have one historian but a lot of different aspects are needed for a full display. Your chapter might have a treasurer who can work on creating t-shirts and spirit items...

...a publications chair who can make a newsletter or a social media chair who can post pictures from events. Since I also serve as Co-Chair of Social Media for the lodge, I have learned a lot about how important an online presence is. It gives you the opportunity to show off your chapter to the world. The final piece of advice I have to elevate your display is have fun! I know it sounds corny but creativity is important to making an exemplary display. Let your unique personality show in your work and enjoy theming your display to the "How To Train Your Dragon" weekend. Feel free to reach out at [historian@tipisa.org](mailto:historian@tipisa.org) if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing all seven chapters' displays at Spring Conclave!

# HURACAN

Antonio Pizza

Huracan Chapter has been demonstrating Cheerfulness, Brotherhood, and Service. We showed our Brotherhood at Ordeal where we inducted 53 scouts compared to 32 scouts last year, that is a 66% increase. At Fall Fellowship we once again took the Spirit Cone, as we introduced numerous new Huracan Chants. Finally we gave service, where our chapter donated 263 food items to the food drive. All of this would not have been possible without the great leadership of our chapter. James, Roselyn, Bryan, Lyla and Jake have been the greatest teammates in making this year possible.

# CHAPTER REPORTS



# KIKAPE

Leilani Goldcamp

We are very excited to welcome our new Ordeal members and cannot wait to have more fun with at meetings with them all! Our next meeting is going to be a Potluck Party and then we are going to prepare for Spring Conclave with a movie and crafts! We meet every 4th Thursday at Rockledge Presbyterian Church!



# CHAPTER REPORTS



## OUSSAUNA

Adelina Morrison

Oussuana Chapter is associated with Narcoossee District and spans East Orange County and Osceola County. We meet every third Thursday of the month at Center Pointe Community Church from 7:15-8:30pm

Any questions or concerns email [oussuana@tipisa.org](mailto:oussuana@tipisa.org)

# LEMHEE YEKCHI

Josh Weger

The name "Lemhee-Yekchi" means "Strong Eagle". As a recognizable and dominant chapter, we have consistently won games and broken records these past lodge years. Lemhee always brings the energy, and maintains a spirit of friendship and fun. Known for high attendance, spirit, and a profound sense of community that keeps our chapter strong. We are the only current chapter to have a Mascot! I along with the Lemhee officer team and our chapter advisor Mark Weger, will lead Lemhee into this next lodge year. And I hope to see all chapters united at section conference this year. Because after all, our success depends on how well groups can form together as a team. This is a lesson Lemhee has learned and will hopefully be able to lead by example.



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# NEFKETEH

Ania Brandt

Over December Nefkete has gotten into the holiday spirit with a festive meeting around cookie decorating and preparing our elangomats with a training. With ordeals coming up fast we are preparing to welcome new chapter members with a welcome party for our January meeting. We will have fun games, socializing, going over the upcoming events and eating food to help create a good environment. Our January meeting has been pushed back a week to hold it right after Ordeal. We hope to see our new chapter members there at our welcoming event.

Meetings are held at:

810 Hollywood Blvd, West Melbourne, FL 32904

# CHAPTER REPORTS



# WEWAHITCHKA

Alex Heppermann

Hello Tipisa! Please join me in welcoming our new brothers that joined us during this ordeal season! Our chapter, is trilled to share what's going on in our chapter with you. Our chapter meets every third Thursday at 7pm at 10200 Morningside Dr, Leesburg, FL 34788. We always have free drinks and snacks for everyone to share so come on by for food, fun, and fellowship!

We are starting our preparations for Spring Conclave and it's shaping up to be a great weekend! Join us at our chapter meetings to help us prepare for it. Do you have any requests for service projects or activities? If so, feel free to reach out to us at [wewahitchka@tipisa.org](mailto:wewahitchka@tipisa.org)



# CHAPTER REPORTS



# MICCO TOMOKEE

Scout Clements

The Micco-Tomokee Chapter continues to stay active and connected! We currently meet every 4th Thursday of the month, hosting fun games while also going over important lodge and chapter information. Meetings are held at Mid Florida Housing in Daytona Beach or at First Presbyterian Church in DeLand. We are always excited to welcome new members and encourage everyone to get involved. This month, we're especially looking forward to our Ice Cream Social happening this 4th Thursday, which is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Rep your chapter spirit by purchasing a t-shirt from the chapter box. If you have questions or want to connect, reach us at [micco-tomokee@tipisa.org](mailto:micco-tomokee@tipisa.org).

# OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Caroline Krywonos

This past summer, I had the opportunity to attend OA Wilderness Voyage in the gorgeous boundary waters of northern Minnesota. For the first week of our trek, we helped fix up portage trails to be more walkable by digging up dirt and sledging rocks. During this week, we got to know our crews, made up of people from all over the country! During our second week, we got to trek all around the boundary waters, swimming in waterfalls, camping on cliffs, and even traipsing through swamps! I highly recommend going on an OA High Adventure trek as soon as you are able and would highly suggest Little Saganaga Lake!

# PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Hello Tipisa Lodge! Do you like graphic design, writing, or editing? Are you interested in helping create these lodge-wide publications? Contact [publications@tipisa.org](mailto:publications@tipisa.org) to become apart of the publications team in Tipisa Lodge!

# MEET YOUR 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS!

Hello everyone! My name is Mia DeVivo and I have the honor of serving as your Vice Chief for the 2025-2026 program year. My journey in the OA started in Huracan Chapter as historian where I worked my way up to Chapter Chief and served in that position for the past term. As Vice Chief this year, I have had the opportunity to assist in running events and behind the scenes work to keep our lodge in motion. I am also a ceremonialist and have been able to represent one of our principals at many of our weekends over the past few years. Thank you for a great year so far!



Mia DeVivo



Caroline Krywonos

Hello! My name is Caroline Krywonos and I have the honor of serving as your 2025-2026 Lodge Secretary! I started in the OA as Huracan's Webmaster where I then served 2 years as our 2nd Vice. As Secretary, I'm in charge of managing minutes for LEC Minutes, as well as helping out with publications and social media. I am also Ceremonies Chair, and have had the great pleasure of being a ceremonialist for the past few years. Hope to see you at all our upcoming events!

Hey y'all! My name is Delaney Townes and I am your 2025-2026 Historian. I am an Eagle Scout and have grown up around the scouting program. I'm from Huracan Chapter where I have served as the historian and am currently a ceremonialist. You've probably seen me at camp outs and events taking pictures but that's only part of my job. I also create a Kings Cup display to compete at the Section (state) level. Similar to your chapter's Kings Cup, the lodge's is a historical display that shows off lodge history and spirit. I'm excited to serve y'all this year!



Delaney Townes



Luke Rodgers

Hello Tipisa, my name is Luke Rodgers and I am excited to serve as your Lodge Treasurer this year. Fell free to visit me at the Lodge Box during Lodge weekends and keep an eye out for new merch!

# 2026 LODGE CALENDAR

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MARCH 6-8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
SPRING CONCLAVE  
CAMP LA-NO-CHE



APRIL 10-12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
SECTION CONFERENCE  
TANAH KEETA SCOUT RESERVATION



MAY 15-17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
SERVICE WEEKEND  
CAMP LA-NO-CHE

