

Section E5 Lodge Chiefs Call (LCZC)

Monday, July 7th, 7pm ET

Google Meet

Attendance:

Section Chief	✓ Osceola
Section Vice Chief	☐ O-Shot-Caw
Section Secretary	✓ Semialachee
☑ Aal-Pa-Tah	☑ Tipisa
☑ Echockotee	☑ Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Section Officer Reports

a. Section Chief - Nick Switzer

- i. Nick reported on the upcoming Section Officers Gathering, which will be taking place 7/26-7/27, which will focus on setting goals and achieving the section's vision amongst section leadership.
- ii. Nick suggested a "Day in the Life" of a section officer to help members understand their roles outside of scouting, and get to know them a little bit better, since they were elected by the Arrowmen of the section.
- iii. Nick mentioned he will be attending a training event hosted by Section E6 in Alabama within the next month, and is looking forward to engaging with other sections.

b. Section Vice Chief - Walter Mentz

- i. Walter is currently working on filling in names for SLS training instructors and may reach out to other lodges for additional help.
- ii. He also mentioned setting up a committee for selling merchandise items (trading post), and invites recommendations for people interested in getting involved with this.

c. Section Secretary - Brady Kondek

- Brady informed that meeting minutes will not be emailed out after each meeting, instead they will be posted on the <u>section website</u> (Resources > Meeting Minutes).
- ii. He also introduced Kaylee DeLory as the new communications chair, who will be overseeing the newly-created section communications committee.
- iii. Kaylee outlined the new committee structure, and the committee's overall role in managing social media and the website, supporting lodges, and engaging members. Please see the presentation slide deck for visuals.

iv. Brady mentioned upcoming promotions will be coming out regarding positions within the committee and encourages people to reach out if interested (secretary@e5.oa-scouting.org). Right now lead positions are being interviewed and filled, and some planning time will be needed. By August, more information will be rolling out about filling general team member positions.

3. Lodge Reports

a. Aal-Pa-Tah

- Lodge Co-Chief Sebastian Woody reported on successful OA summer camp nights at Tanah Keeta and the introduction of a new Aal-Pa-Tah Cub Scout Award.
- ii. He also mentioned that the lodge is beginning the transition to a new website, and the addition of new items to their lodge box.
- iii. He is excited about attending NCOC at Philmont, and would like to coordinate with other lodge chiefs while there.
- iv. Ethan and Sebastian will not be at the next call, as they will both be at OATC, they will be having V.C. Program/Section Conference Chair Stephanie fill in for them.

b. Echockotee

- Lodge Chief Holden Mendez reported on successful OA days and pow-wows at summer camp, which have generated significant interest in the OA and their lodge.
- ii. He also formally invited everyone to their Fall Fellowship from 9/19-9/21, and offered assistance with initiatives similar to "day in the life" social media content.

c. Osceola

 Lodge Chief Lola Saad reported that their next LEC meeting in August will include voting on bylaws, and she invited all lodge chiefs to their Fall Fellowship from 9/12-9/14.

d. O-Shot-Caw

i. Not in attendance.

e. Semialachee

 Lodge Chief Darla Farmer shared that Semialachee had a successful OA night and callouts on 6/17, and they are preparing for their summer ordeal from 8/15-8/17, in addition to updating their bylaws.

f. Tipisa

- i. Lodge Chief Benton Forrester announced that Tipisa Lodge is launching their new lodge year with an officer retreat this Friday 7/11 to plan and build a new leadership team. Their LLD will be taking place on August 9th at Centerpoint Community Church, focusing on training LEC members and chapter officers, followed by an awards banquet.
- ii. Their Fall Fellowship, themed to Percy Jackson, will be held 9/12-9/14 at Camp La-No-Che.

g. Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee

- i. Lodge Chief Andrew Kelly reported that Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee successfully hosted its first Brotherhood Express event, tagged onto a council event called "Operation First Class." This allowed eight members who might not have had the opportunity to complete their Brotherhood induction.
- ii. They are also planning their LLD for next month, which will include a bonding fellowship and a pool party on Friday night, followed by training on Saturday.

4. Upcoming Events

a. 2025 SLS

- SLS Chair Kamm requested all lodges to provide a current estimated headcount of expected attendees to help with committee planning, and as well announced that Camp Shand's extreme obstacle course would be open one night during the event.
- ii. He asked Lola if their lodge would be able to provide lassos for an activity which were used at Section Conference back in April. She confirmed that they could, and Kamm will be sending an email to her and the lodge to have it in writing.
- iii. Kamm also noted that campsite ambassadors would be available at each campsite to assist with any needs throughout the event (such as trash removal, etc.).

5. New Business

a. Section Merchandise

- Nick sought ideas for section merchandise, emphasizing that the section wants to create items that people would actually want to buy. Potential items could include shirts, hats, patches, neckerchiefs, etc.
- ii. The idea is for there to be a year-round trading post online, similar to other sections, also offering shipping options as well, with the overall goal of fostering a sense of community and pride within our section.

b. Section Service Project

- i. Nick announced that the section is looking to start a section-wide service project, similar to that of S-4 FourCorps from 2010, which was focused on land management/conservation projects within the Ocala National Forest in partnership with the United States Forest Service. See the <u>presentation</u> <u>slide deck</u> for more in-depth information about this previous service project.
- ii. The idea moving forward would be to do something like this again, under a new name (due to a new section name after Project Magellan), at state/national park(s) across the state.



6. Adviser's Minute - Michael Todd

a. Michael thanked everyone for their hard work across the last month, and stressed the responsibility of all members, especially older scouts and advisers, to ensure the well-being, health, and safety of younger participants, both at events and in their daily lives.