



2026 SECTION E5 CONFERENCE

Hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237

Gulf Stream Council

April 10-12, 2026

Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation

Section E5 Conference Chair: Stephanie Cargill

Section E5 Conference Adviser: Seth P. Robert

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BE THE LEADER YOU WOULD FOLLOW

Brothers,

We are always challenged to follow rules as they are given, plain black and white. However, we know that each and every person goes about this in their own way while still following the rules. We understand that each individual is different, whether in styles, fashion, or beliefs. We all have faced many challenges this past year. The question is how will you overcome these challenges as a leader for your youth? Lead with the uniqueness that you possess. This Section Conference challenges you to be the type of leader that you would want to follow.

Stephanie Cargill

2026 Section E5 Conference Chair

conference@aalpatah.org

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SECTION E5 CONFERENCE EVENT SCHEDULE

| FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 2:00 pm | Registration Opens | Welcome Shelter |
| 2:00 pm | King's Cup set-up begins | Dining Hall |
| 4:00 pm | Gator Grill Opens | Gator Grill Tent |
| 6:00 pm | Conference Trading Post Opens | Lassiter Porch |
| 7:00 pm | Brotherhood Bash | Outside Lassiter Building |
| 10:00 pm | Registration for Ceremonies | Lassiter Building |
| 10:00 pm | Council of Chiefs | Lassiter Conference Room |
| 11:30 pm | Lights Out in Campsites | Campsites |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 | | |
| 6:00 am | 5K Run | Welcome Shelter |
| 6:00 am | Polar Plunge | Pool |
| 7:00 am | Flag Raising + Announcements | Parade Field |
| 7:15 am | Vigil Breakfast | Special Events Tent |
| 7:15 am | Breakfast | Dining Tent |
| 7:30 am – 9:30 am | Registration (late arrivals) | Welcome Shelter |
| 8:30 am – 11:30 am | Canoe Obstacle Course | Clear Lake |
| 9:00 am | Conference Trading Post Opens | Lassiter Porch |
| 9:00 am | Gator Grill Open | Gator Grill Tent |
| 9:00 am – 11:30 am | Ceremonies Evaluations (Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood) | Pre-Ordeal (OA Ring) and Brotherhood (Brownsea Island) |
| 9:00 am | Best All Around Lodge | Lassiter Building |
| 9:00 am – 11:30 am | Field Games | Various Locations |
| 9:00 am – 11:30 am | Quest for the Golden Gator | Various Locations |
| 9:30 am | Vendors Open | Outside Lassiter Building |
| 9:30 am – 11:00 am | Creative Crafts | Handicraft |
| 9:45 am – 11:30 am | OA High Adventure Activities | Lost Creek Field |
| 10:00 am | King's Cup Competition | Dining Hall |
| Noon – 1:00 pm | Lunch | Dining Tent |
| Noon – 1:00 pm | VIA Luncheon | Special Events Tent |



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| SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1:00 pm | Publications Competition | Lassiter Conference Room |
| 1:00 pm | Inductions Administration Competition | Lassiter Building |
| 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Lodge v Lodge Games | Various Locations |
| 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Scavenger Hunt | Various Locations |
| 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Ceremonies Evaluations (continued) (Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood) | Pre-Ordeal (OA Ring) and Brotherhood (Brownsea Island) |
| 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Hearts Tournament (Adults) | Special Events Tent |
| 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | OA High Adventure Activities | Lost Creek Field |
| 2:37 pm | Surprise | Outside Lodge Building |
| 3:00 pm | Website Competition | Lassiter Conference Room |
| 4:00 pm | Adviser Competition | Outside Lassiter Building |
| 5:00 pm | Flag Lowering | Parade Field |
| 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm | Section Photograph | Fort Blanchard |
| 6:00 pm | Dinner | Dining Tent |
| 7:00 pm | Vigil Ceremony Evaluation | All Faiths Chapel |
| 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Q & A With Section Officers | Dining Tent |
| 8:00 pm | Pre-Show | Fort Blanchard |
| 8:30 pm | Show | Fort Blanchard |
| 10:00 pm | Cracker Barrel | Dining Tent |
| 10:00 pm | Patch Trading | Dining Tent |
| 11:30 pm | Lights Out in Campsites | Campsites |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 | | |
| 6:00 am | Morning Yoga / Sun Salutation | Fort Blanchard |
| 7:15 am | Flag Raising | Parade Field |
| 7:30 am | Breakfast | Dining Tent |
| 8:00 am | Gear Transport to parking lot begins | |
| 8:30 am | Interfaith Worship Service | Dining Tent |
| 9:00 am | Section Business Meeting | Dining Tent |

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| Budget** | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--|------------|------------|--------------|--|
| <i>Income</i> | QTY | AMT | TOTAL | <i>Expenses</i> | QTY | AMT | TOTAL | |
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| | | | | ADMINISTRATIVE | | | | |
| Registration - on-time | 500 | \$55.00 | \$27,500.00 | Administration | 550 | \$1.00 | \$550.00 | |
| Registration - late | 50 | \$65.00 | \$3,750.00 | Conference Pocket Patch - Registration | 550 | \$2.00 | \$1,100.00 | |
| Vendors/Sponsors | 5 | \$100.00 | \$500.00 | National Activity Surcharge | 550 | \$12.00 | \$6,600.00 | |
| | | | | Camp Use Fee | 550 | \$2.00 | \$1,100.00 | |
| Conference Pocket Patch | 250 | \$5.00 | \$1,250.00 | Section Operating Fund | 1 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | |
| Leather Patch | 100 | \$20.00 | \$2,000.00 | Registration Supplies | 1 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | |
| VIA Patch | 80 | \$12.00 | \$960.00 | | | | | |
| Vigil Breakfast Patch | 300 | \$10.00 | \$3,000.00 | Promotions | 1 | \$237.00 | \$237.00 | |
| Special Edition Patch | 100 | \$20.00 | \$2,000.00 | Guest Travel Expenses | 1 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | |
| 5k Patch | 50 | \$10.00 | \$500.00 | Signs and Banners | 1 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | |
| Neckerchief | 50 | \$25.00 | \$1,250.00 | | | | | |
| T-Shirt Small | 10 | \$20.00 | \$200.00 | TRADING POST | | | | |
| T-Shirt Medium | 20 | \$20.00 | \$400.00 | Conference Pocket Patch | 250 | \$2.00 | \$500.00 | |
| T-Shirt Large | 35 | \$20.00 | \$700.00 | 5k Patch | 50 | \$3.50 | \$175.00 | |
| T-Shirt XL | 26 | \$20.00 | \$520.00 | Leather Patch | 100 | \$6.00 | \$600.00 | |
| T-Shirt XXL | 6 | \$20.00 | \$120.00 | VIA Patch | 80 | \$2.50 | \$200.00 | |
| T-Shirt XXXL | 2 | \$22.00 | \$44.00 | Vigil Breakfast Patch | 300 | \$2.50 | \$750.00 | |
| T-Shirt 4XL | 2 | \$22.00 | \$44.00 | Special Edition Patch | 100 | \$2.00 | \$200.00 | |
| | | | | Neckerchief | 50 | \$17.00 | \$850.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | \$44,138.00 | T-Shirt Small | 10 | \$10.25 | \$102.50 | |
| Difference | | | \$0.00 | T-Shirt Medium | 20 | \$10.25 | \$205.00 | |
| | | | | T-Shirt Large | 35 | \$10.25 | \$358.75 | |
| | | | | T-Shirt X-Large | 25 | \$10.25 | \$256.25 | |
| | | | | T-Shirt XXL | 6 | \$10.25 | \$61.50 | |
| | | | | T-shirt XXXL | 2 | \$13.25 | \$26.50 | |
| | | | | T-Shirt 4XL | 2 | \$13.25 | \$26.50 | |
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| | | | | GENERAL | | | | |
| | | | | Food | 550 | \$20.00 | \$11,000.00 | |
| | | | | Medical Services | 1 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | |
| | | | | Rental - Tents | 1 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | |
| | | | | Rental - Tables & Chairs | 1 | \$2,050.00 | \$2,050.00 | |
| | | | | Rental - Kitchen Equipment | 1 | \$650.00 | \$650.00 | |
| | | | | Rentals - Toilets | 8 | \$110.00 | \$880.00 | |
| | | | | Rentals - Dumpster | 2 | \$310.00 | \$620.00 | |
| | | | | Rentals - Golf Carts | 4 | \$862.50 | \$3,450.00 | |
| | | | | Security & Parking | 1 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | |
| | | | | Shows | 1 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | |
| | | | | Program and Special Events | 1 | \$851.00 | \$851.00 | |
| | | | | 5K Patch | 25 | \$3.50 | \$87.50 | |
| | | | | VIA Patch | 40 | \$2.50 | \$100.00 | |
| | | | | Awards | 1 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | |
| | | | | OAHA Village | 1 | \$350.00 | \$350.00 | |
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| | | | | TOTAL EXPENSES: | | | \$44,138.00 | |

**The Section Conference leadership team reserves the right to modify the budget and/or redirect funds as necessary. Any such changes will maintain a balanced budget.

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Registration Process

Members will register through the host council's website. Gulf Stream Council utilizes Tentaroo registration and can be accessed at: www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/OA.

Select CREATE AN ACCOUNT or LOG-IN

1. Select Events
2. Scroll until you find "OA: Section Conference 2026" at Tanah Keeta.
3. Select "Section Conference" scheduled for April 10-12, 2026.
4. Select "Register for Event"

If you created a new account, you'll need to add youth or adults to your group in order to register. You may register as an individual, but we do encourage group registration if possible.

Note: Participants aged 18 or over will be required to enter their Safeguarding Youth completion date. This can be found on your my.scouting.org training history. Safeguarding Youth must be renewed every year. All adult participants are required to have this training.

5. Assign a participant type for each attendee
6. Add any special requests (**This is in addition to emailing conference@aalpatah.org with any such requests**).
7. Confirm
8. Be sure to check out your cart in order to save changes!
9. Registration for the 2026 Section E5 Conference will cost \$55.00 per person. The registration system will open November 17, 2025. **On-Time Registration will close on March 17, 2026, at **11:59 p.m.**** Updated counts will be provided weekly to each Lodge Adviser.

Late Registration

Starting on March 18, 2026, the cost of registration will automatically increase to \$65.00. Late registrants will not be guaranteed patches or event supplies. **Late Registration will close on March 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. No walk-ins will be accepted.**

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Special Requests

If members of your lodge require special arrangements including dietary needs or mobility, a request may be made to the host lodge no later than March 31, 2026. Any special requests will be addressed on a need-by-need basis. We will do our best to accommodate special requests, but cannot guarantee being able to accommodate special requests. In addition to indicating the special request on the registration, email the request to: conference@aalpatah.org.

Seating

Due to limited seating options at certain events, we strongly suggest participants bring a folding camping chair to use at shows, activities, and the interfaith worship service.

Arrival and Check-In

Upon arrival at camp, participants will be directed to the designated parking area. Participants will then check in at the Welcome Shelter (Friday: 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, or Saturday: 7:30 am – 9:30 am), where they will be able to pick up their check-in materials. Walk-in Registrations will not be accepted. Directions to Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, as well as the physical address can be found on page 16 of this plan book.

All participants must be prepared with a completed copy of their BSA annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B. Non-BSA medical forms will not be accepted. We also will not accept digital copies of Health Forms, as we must retain a file for the duration of the event pursuant to NCAP HS-503. Health Forms will be returned to their respective Lodge Adviser at the end of the weekend.

Campsite Assignments

A list of campsite assignments will be available at the event parking lot upon and in the event program. Each campsite has its own bathroom pavilion (w/showers) along with access to a shared bathhouse, with 8 individual units each with toilet, sink, and shower. Items left or lost in these facilities are not the responsibility of the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge or the Gulf Stream Council.

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Safeguarding Youth

Safeguarding Youth training is required for all registered members of Scouting America who are over the age 18 years old. Safeguarding Youth training must be taken each year. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. **All event participants must be registered in Scouting America and have current Safeguarding Youth training.**

At Section Conference, each Lodge Adviser will be responsible for collecting the records of Safeguarding Youth training for each member of their lodge over the age of 18 years old. As an extra step to verify the training status of all adults, we will require the Safeguarding Youth training completion date for registration. Safeguarding Youth training completion certificates will not be collected by the Host Lodge, but may be requested in the event of a suspected violation.

A Section Guide will be available to answer questions and serve as liaison between each lodge and the Host Lodge.

Accommodations

As per the Safeguarding Youth standards, separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required. **There will be NO hammock camping. All participants should “Be Prepared” with appropriate gear for TENT CAMPING.**

Tent Camping

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Youth sharing tents should be no more than two years apart in age.
- Youth and adults tent separately.
- Spouses may share a tent.

Lodging/Cabin Accommodations

If assigned to a cabin or dorm, separate cabins or dorms will be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth, all in accordance with the Safeguarding Youth standards.



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Restrooms

Separate shower and bathroom facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. If separate facilities are not available, separate times should be scheduled and posted. Privacy of youth is respected.

- Adults and youth must respect each other’s privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp.
- Adult leaders should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or health and safety reasons.
- The bathrooms at the Dining Hall are adults only.

Dietary Restrictions

Dietary Accommodations may be requested using the Dietary Accommodation Request Form found at: <https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/oa-dietary-needs>. Please complete this form by March 31, 2026. We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions, but participants with specific dietary requirements should make arrangements to have their own non-perishable food in the event the Host Lodge is unable to accommodate any specific dietary needs.

Safety & First Aid

First aid will be provided by the Host Lodge under the supervision of a qualified medical team. The camp health lodge is located on the east side of the Lassiter Camp Headquarters and will be open during all hours for the duration of the Event. The camp works closely with local hospitals to ensure they are aware of all events and possible needs.

Host Lodge Emergency Phone Numbers

Every lodge is responsible for its own emergency phone response system. However, in case of any other emergency the phone number for Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation is: 561-746-8749.

Sharon Webb, Lodge Adviser: 561-309-8709.

Seth P. Robert, Lodge Conference Adviser: 954-816-2324.

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Tanah Keeta/Gulf Stream Council – Emergency Contact Numbers

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|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Fire Rescue | Emergency Non-Emergency | 911 561-747-0708 |
| Martin County Sheriff | Emergency Non-Emergency | 911 771-220-7170 |
| Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation | Camp Office Health Lodge | 561-746-8749 561-743-2945 |
| Gulf Stream Council | 8335 N. Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 | Office: 561-694-8585 Fax: 561-694-9050 |
| Tess English | Assistant Scout Executive | 760-534-9857 |
| Terrence Hamilton | Scout Executive | 561-694-8585 |
| FWC | | 850-488-4676 |
| Poison Control | | 800-222-1222 |
| Dr. Jason Sevald | Council Physician | 561-635-8279 |
| Jonathan Dickenson State Park | | 772-546-4030 |
| Girl Scout Camp | | 561-746-4030 |
| North Passage Guard House | | 561-575-5869 |
| Jupiter Medical Center | Non-Emergency | 561-744-6593 |

Registration

Only those persons officially registered for the event or as approved event staff and guests will be allowed to remain at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation and participate in the 2026 Section E5 Conference. Participants must be a registered and approved member of both Scouting America and the Order of the Arrow.

Check-Out

It is important that all participants who are leaving Section Conference check out with the host lodge. Details about the check-out procedure will be provided during the check-in process.



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Leadership Policies of the Order of the Arrow

Scouting America maintains a policy requiring two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of one of the participants, one of whom must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older, for all outings which includes the Section E5 Conference.

A member of the Order of the Arrow between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) who is registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster or in the Venturing program may fulfill the leadership requirements as one of the leaders for an Order of the Arrow outing.

Every participating lodge must meet (1) the minimum of the two adult leaders requirement as set forth by Scouting America and (2) the appropriate Male/Female leadership requirements. If either requirement is not met, the lodge will not be authorized to participate in the 2026 Section E5 Conference.

Host Lodge Guide

Each lodge will be provided at least one Host Lodge Guide to provide information and assistance throughout the entire event.

Section Conference Uniforms

Official 2026 Section E5 Conference Uniform:

- Scout field uniform shirt
- Scout shorts or pants
- Scout-related belt
- Scout socks with close toe shoes
- Scout-related hat or visor
- Order of the Arrow sash

Official 2026 Section E5 Conference Activities Uniform:

- Activity uniform/Class B Shirt
- Scout shorts or pants
- Scout-related belt
- Scout socks with closed toe shoes
- Scout-related hat or visor

Section E5 Conference Code of Conduct

For the 2026 Section E5 Conference to be a success, each participant is required to follow a Code of Conduct so that everyone can have a positive and memorable experience. The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of the Section Conference and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As Arrowmen, we understand this and will abide by the following Code of Conduct:

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, I will:

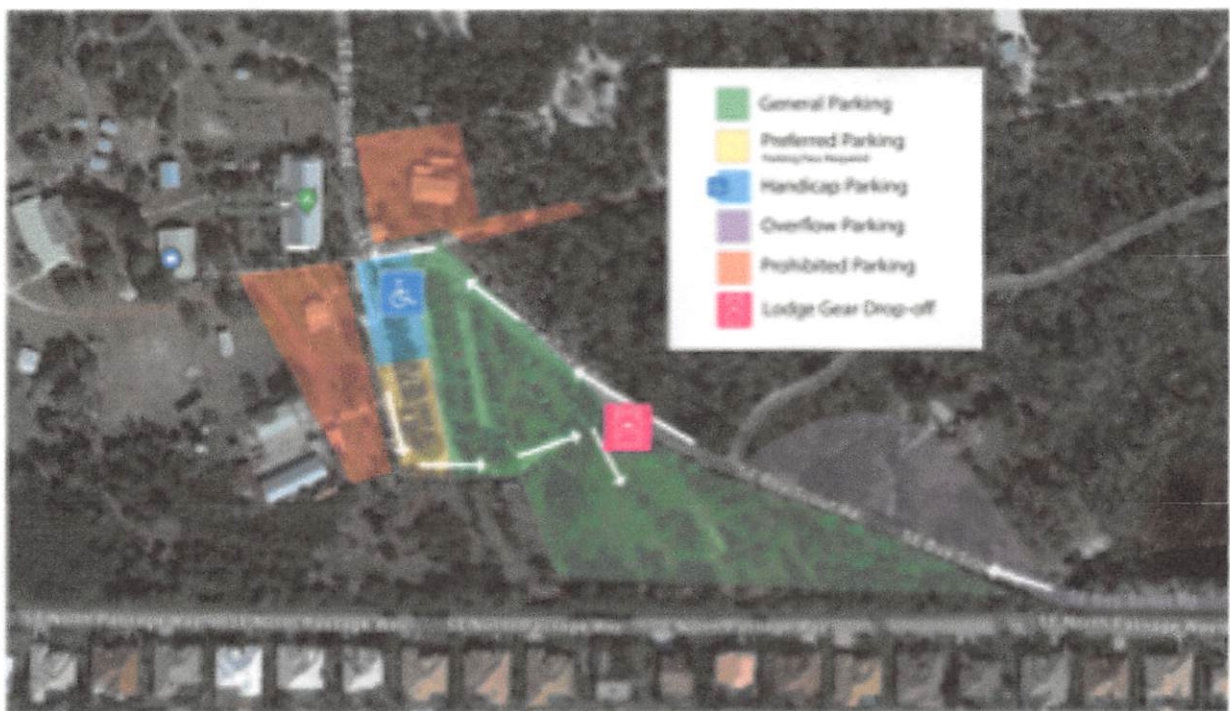
1. Observe the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
2. Wear my official Scouting America uniform throughout the 2026 Section E5 Conference.
Unofficial hats, patches, and other decorations are not part of the official uniforms.
3. Attend all planned, general and special sessions and events.
4. Confine trading and swapping of patches, etc., to free periods and designated areas.
5. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
6. Observe quiet hours and lights out in campsites from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
7. Keep my quarters clean and dispose of trash properly.
8. Not change my assigned campsite without permission from the event registration center in order to help ensure emergency contact.
9. Understand that the purchase and possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs by any youth or adult at the event will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal from the event.
10. Respect the state laws and Gulf Stream Council rules regarding fireworks, firearms and gambling. Infraction of these rules will result in immediate dismissal.
11. Not be authorized to sell items at the 2026 Section E5 Conference. I understand that the official trading posts and vendors are the only sources for purchasing items.
12. Follow the Scouting America and Gulf Stream Council smoke free policies.

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Parking and Transportation

Every lodge is encouraged to carpool and travel by van/bus to reduce overcrowding in the main parking area. Upon arrival, delegates will be greeted by members of the Host Lodge and directed to a lodge gear drop in the parking lot, and subsequently to a parking space. Only approved Host Lodge vehicles will be permitted to drive beyond the east or north gates into the general camping sites except as otherwise authorized to assist handicapped Scouts or Scouters or as approved by the Host Lodge through the issuing of a temporary pass. All equipment placed in the designated gear drop for each lodge will be transferred to the lodge campsite. Additionally, Arrowmen with the need to leave camp at any time must inform a member of the Parking Host Staff to allow for that vehicle to leave the camp in a safe manner. Should a member of your lodge anticipate leaving the camp, please advise them to park in the overflow parking lot which will be marked at the entrance of Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation.

All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk. Neither Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge nor Gulf Stream Council will take responsibility for vehicles and/or their contents. Each lodge should remind its members to leave valuables at home and secure their personal property.



The above parking map is subject to change prior to the event

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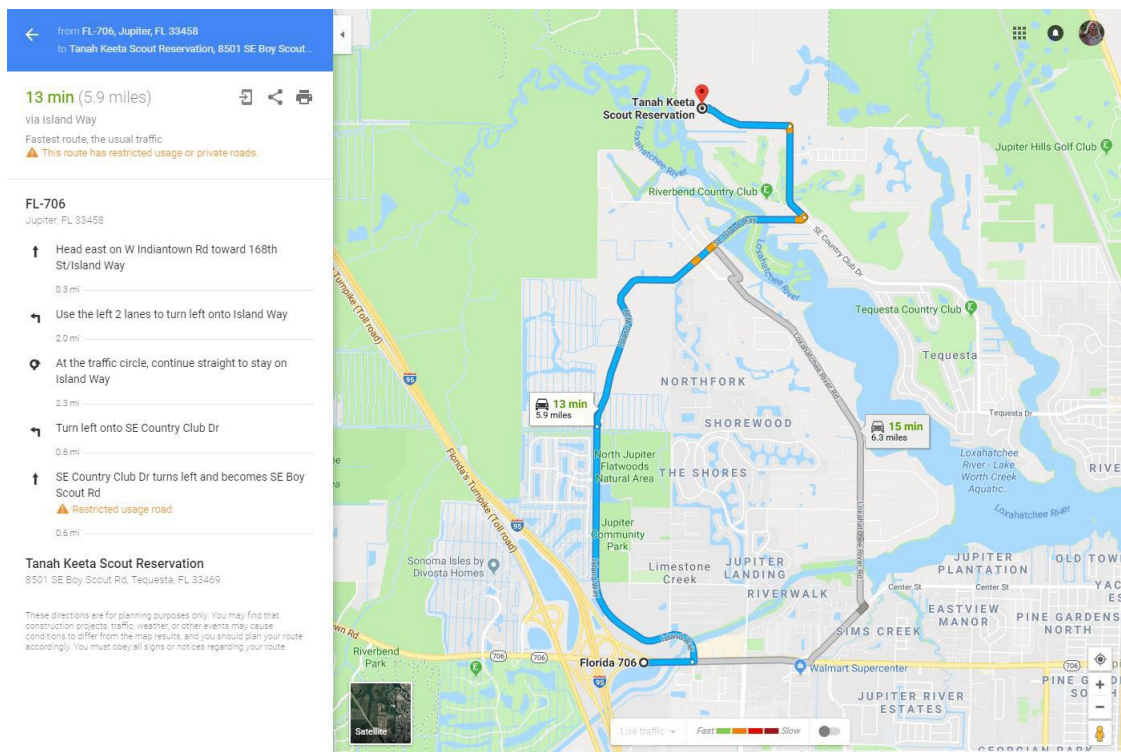
Driving Directions to Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation

Address: 8501 SE Boy Scout Road, Jupiter, Florida. 33469

From I-95, take exit 87A and head east on W. Indiantown Road. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Island Way. Continue straight at the round-a-bout. Turn left onto SE Country Club Drive. Follow all the way to the end, take a left onto SE Boy Scout Road. Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation welcome sign will be visible from the road.

From the FL Turnpike, take exit 116 and head east on W. Indiantown Road. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Island Way. Continue straight at the round-a-bout. Turn left onto SE Country Club Drive. Follow all the way to the end, take a left onto SE Boy Scout Road. Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation welcome sign will be visible from the road.

From US-1, turn west onto Country Line Road. Then turn right onto SE Country Line Road, follow until that turns into SE Wooden Bridge Lane. Take a right immediately onto SE Little Club Way North. Follow until SE Country Club Drive, take a right. Take a left onto SE Boy Scout Road. The Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation welcome sign will be visible from the road.



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Event Menu & Food Services

Conference Menu

Friday Night Brotherhood Bash

Cookies

Saturday Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy

Scrambled Eggs

Water/Coffee

Saturday Lunch

Chicken Wrap

Salad

Saturday Dinner

Roasted ¼ Chicken

Lemon Roasted Potatoes

Salad

Saturday Night Cracker Barrel

Chocolate Cake

Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich

Water/Coffee

Very Important Arrowmen Luncheon

For this event each lodge chief will be given 2 tickets to hand out to invite members of their lodge to attend the luncheon together with the lodge chief. This year's luncheon will feature a keynote speaker whose message will be aimed at encouraging this vital group. Participants will receive a special VIA patch. Additional VIA patches will be available for sale.

Vigil Breakfast

Vigil Honor members are invited to attend a special breakfast Saturday morning. The Vigil breakfast will feature a keynote speaker and a special addition to the meal. There will be a commemorative patch for sale which may be purchased at breakfast.

Water

Drinking water will be available at coolers located throughout the camp, as well as in each campsite. It is important to drink plenty of water.

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Gator Grill

Aal-Pa-Tah's world famous "Gator Grill" will be serving food and drinks throughout the event beginning Friday afternoon. The menu will be posted at numerous locations

Hours will be – Friday: 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. Hours may change if needed.

Trading Post

The Section E5 Conference Trading Post will be located on the Lassiter Porch near the Camp Trading Post. Trading Post pre-orders will be available for pick-up at the Conference Trading Post.

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Activities and Events

5K Morning Run

Participants will meet at the Welcome Shelter (next to the main parking lot) and will be provided information regarding the route. Award for the top finisher, a special 5K event patch for the first 25 finishers, and bragging rights for all who participate.

Polar Plunge

Participants will meet at the Pool and will be given further instructions regarding the event. Bring a bathing suit, towel, and your Lodge spirit. Participants **MUST** wear closed-toe shoes when walking to the Pool. This activity will be in a portion of the Pool where participants will not need to have a prior swim test.

Morning Yoga / Sun Salutation

Participants will meet at Fort Blanchard for a special sunrise program dedicated to mind/body fitness on the scenic bank of the Loxahatchee River.

Canoe Obstacle Course

Each Lodge will be given a particular time for its four (4) participants to be at Clear Lake, together with as many others as want to watch. Participants **MUST** wear closed-toe shoes when walking to Clear Lake. Although the Participants in this activity will wear life jackets, each must present proof signed by their Lodge Advisor or Staff Advisor that the Participant successfully completed the Scouting America swimmers test. All Participants are still subject to retesting as determined by the Host Lodge's Aquatics Director.

Quest for the Golden Gator

Each Lodge will complete in different team challenges. These challenges require Scouting skills, leadership skills, common sense, or a combination of these. Lodge with the best overall score wins.

Scavenger Hunt

Items have been hidden around camp for each lodge to find. Take a picture with each item and show the judge. Best time wins.

Saturday Night Closing Show

To culminate the festivities of the weekend, Saturday will conclude with an entertaining closing show. Bring your Lodge spirit!

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Lodge vs. Lodge Games

Ultimate Frisbee

Number of participants: Maximum of 7 youth players per Lodge on the field at any given time, with 2 additional youth players on the sidelines for substitutions.

Description: Two Lodges will compete against each other. The team with the highest score at the end of a 15-minute game wins and will advance. If the score is tied at the 15-minute mark, overtime occurs with the next point determining the winner of the game.

Points: The winners of the games will advance and play each other with the winner of that game advancing. This will continue until there is an overall winner.

Location: Field Behind Lassiter Building.

Basketball

Number of participants: Maximum of 5 youth players per Lodge on the court at any given time, with 2 additional youth players for substitutions.

Description: Two Lodges will compete against each other. The first team to reach 21 points (or has the maximum number of points in the game after 15 minutes) wins and will advance.

Points: The winners of the games will advance and play each other with the winner of that game advancing. This will continue until there is an overall winner.

Location: Basketball Court.

Volleyball

Number of participants: Maximum of 6 youth players per Lodge on the field at any given time, with additional youth players for substitutions.

Description: Two Lodges will compete against each other. The first team to reach 11 points (or has the maximum number of points in the game after 15 minutes) wins and will advance.

Points: The winners of the games will advance and play each other with the winner of that game advancing. This will continue until there is an overall winner.

Location: Field Behind Lassiter Building.

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Special Events

D.J. Stand

The D.J. Stand will be located at the Scoutmaster's Lounge Porch. Not only will it be a reference point and information booth, but it will also be playing all types of Scout-appropriate music and making announcements throughout the weekend.

Brotherhood Bash

Join us for a festival of fellowship, games, and food. Arrowmen may use this time to enjoy the games, trade patches, or indulge in the cracker barrel.

High Adventure Village

Participate in "High Adventure" themed activities and learn about all of the special High Adventure opportunities available through the Order of the Arrow.

237 Surprise!

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is well known for its 237 surprise! If you have what it takes. There will be a special surprise event at 2:37 p.m. As always, meet in front of the OA Lodge!

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Adult Competitions

Adviser/Lodge Chief Competition

The event is open to the official Lodge Adviser (or Staff Adviser) for each of our Lodges, together with their Lodge Chief. The teams will meet at the Lassiter Building and receive further instructions. No bathing suit, towel, or canoe required. Bring your positive attitude and good sense of humor. A large cheering section is an added plus. The Section Adviser and the Section Chief are the sole judges of this competition, and their decisions are final.

Hearts Tournament

Join in on one of Aal-Pa-Tah's most well-known events, our Campership Hearts Tournament! There will be no buy-in, the competition is free to play. Cards will be provided. Games will consist of four (4) players with winners moving on to the next round. The overall winner will be recognized at Sunday's award presentation.

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Competition Guidelines¹

[TO BE PROVIDED BY SECTION LEADERSHIP]

Best All-Around Lodge Competition

Induction Administration Competition

Publications Competition

Lodge Website Competition

King's Cup Competition

Ceremonies Evaluations

¹ Subject to change prior to event as determined by Section E5.

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Current Publications rubric

Section E5 Publications Competition Scoring Sheet

Lodge Presenting: _____

Description: The Publications Competition will focus attention on following criteria that lead to a high-quality publication.

Presentation: Each presenter will be given 15 minutes to present all material that he or she has prepared. Presentations should include both quantitative and qualitative information that appropriately represents their lodge. PowerPoint presentations are recommended. Additional documents may be distributed to presenters by the presenter. A final copy of all presentation materials and documents must be submitted to the Section Secretary prior to Section Conference in order to be used in the competition.

Scoring: After the presentation period, there will be a 5-minute period where the presenters can ask questions about the presentation; following the period for questioning, presenters will score the presentation. Any time period may be amended at the discretion of the Section Secretary.

| Evaluation Criteria | Points Awarded | Max Points |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Distribution | | 25 Total |
| At least four publications published over a lodge's program year | | 10 |
| Publications produced and distributed in a timely manner (planned vs. actual distribution date) | | 10 |
| Publications easily accessible online | | 5 |
| Layout | | 30 Total |
| Publication is eye-catching and aesthetically appealing (color, pictures, heading) | | 15 |
| Content is logically organized and easy to consume (typeface, table of contents, divided sections). | | 10 |
| There is a consistency in layout and theme between publications. | | 5 |
| Content | | 45 Total |
| Publication promotes interest, involvement, and spirit within the OA | | 15 |
| Writing is interesting, substantial, and free of filler (informative, no excessive graphics, or pictures). | | 15 |
| Writing is free of grammatical, typographical, and factual errors | | 10 |
| Publication contains a calendar of upcoming events | | 5 |
| Total Points | | 100 Total |

Option 1: Combined competition

Section E5 Communications Competition Scoring Sheet

Lodge Presenting: _____

Description: The Communications Competition will focus attention on following criteria that lead to high-quality publications and social media.

Presentation: Each presenter will be given 15 minutes to present all material that he or she has prepared. Presentations should include both quantitative and qualitative information that appropriately represents their lodge. PowerPoint presentations are recommended. Additional documents may be distributed to presenters by the presenter. A final copy of all presentation materials and documents must be submitted to the Section Secretary (secretary@e5.oa-scouting.org) prior to Section Conference in order to be used in the competition.

Scoring: After the presentation period, there will be a 5-minute period where the presenters can ask questions about the presentation; following the period for questioning, presenters will score the presentation. Any time period may be amended at the discretion of the Section Secretary.

| Evaluation Criteria | Points Awarded | Max Points |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Publications | | 75 Total |
| At least four publications released throughout a lodge's program year | | 5 |
| Publications are produced and distributed in a timely manner (planned vs. actual distribution date) | | 10 |
| Publication design is eye-catching and visually appealing (use of color, images, headings) | | 15 |
| Content is organized and easy to follow (clear structure, typeface, and sections) | | 10 |
| Layout and theme are consistent across all issues | | 5 |
| Content promotes interest, involvement, and spirit within the OA | | 15 |
| Publication contains a calendar of upcoming events | | 5 |
| Publications are easily accessible online | | 5 |
| Writing is accurate and free of grammatical, typographical, and factual errors | | 5 |
| Social Media | | 75 Total |
| At least twelve posts made during a lodge's program year, incorporating a mix between standard posts, reels, and/or stories | | 10 |
| Posts are made consistently and on schedule (at least once per month) | | 10 |
| Content is visually appealing and fits a consistent style/brand | | 15 |
| Content promotes lodge spirit, engagement, and participation | | 15 |
| Posts feature timely and relevant information (events, announcements, etc.) | | 10 |
| Posts are accurate and free of grammatical, typographical, and factual errors | | 5 |
| Total Points | | 150 Total |

Option 2: Separate competitions for each (one on each page)

Section E5 Publications Competition Scoring Sheet

Lodge Presenting: _____

Description: The Publications Competition will focus attention on following criteria that lead to a high-quality publication.

Presentation: Each presenter will be given 15 minutes to present all material that he or she has prepared. Presentations should include both quantitative and qualitative information that appropriately represents their lodge. PowerPoint presentations are recommended. Additional documents may be distributed to presenters by the presenter. A final copy of all presentation materials and documents must be submitted to the Section Secretary (secretary@e5.oa-scouting.org) prior to Section Conference in order to be used in the competition.

Scoring: After the presentation period, there will be a 5-minute period where the presenters can ask questions about the presentation; following the period for questioning, presenters will score the presentation. Any time period may be amended at the discretion of the Section Secretary.

| Evaluation Criteria | Points Awarded | Max Points |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Distribution | | 25 Total |
| At least four publications published over a lodge's program year | | 10 |
| Publications produced and distributed in a timely manner (planned vs. actual distribution date) | | 10 |
| Publications easily accessible online | | 5 |
| Layout | | 30 Total |
| Publication is eye-catching and aesthetically appealing (color, pictures, heading) | | 15 |
| Content is logically organized and easy to consume (typeface, table of contents, divided sections). | | 10 |
| There is a consistency in layout and theme between publications. | | 5 |
| Content | | 45 Total |
| Publication promotes interest, involvement, and spirit within the OA | | 15 |
| Writing is interesting, substantial, and free of filler (informative, no excessive graphics, or pictures). | | 15 |
| Writing is free of grammatical, typographical, and factual errors | | 10 |
| Publication contains a calendar of upcoming events | | 5 |
| Total Points | | 100 Total |

Section E5 Social Media Competition Scoring Sheet

Lodge Presenting: _____

Description: The Social Media Competition will focus attention on following criteria that lead to high-quality social media.

Presentation: Each presenter will be given 15 minutes to present all material that he or she has prepared. Presentations should include both quantitative and qualitative information that appropriately represents their lodge. PowerPoint presentations are recommended. Additional documents may be distributed to presenters by the presenter. A final copy of all presentation materials and documents must be submitted to the Section Secretary (secretary@e5.oa-scouting.org) prior to Section Conference in order to be used in the competition.

Scoring: After the presentation period, there will be a 5-minute period where the presenters can ask questions about the presentation; following the period for questioning, presenters will score the presentation. Any time period may be amended at the discretion of the Section Secretary.

| Evaluation Criteria | Points Awarded | Max Points |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Distribution | | 30 Total |
| At least twelve posts made during a lodge's program year, incorporating a mix between standard posts, reels, and/or stories | | 10 |
| Posts are made consistently and on schedule (at least once per month) | | 5 |
| Posts include timely and relevant information (events, announcements, etc.) | | 5 |
| Lodge actively posts on multiple platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram) | | 5 |
| Accounts are active, public, and reach lodge members effectively | | 5 |
| Layout | | 30 Total |
| Posts are visually appealing and use graphics, photos, videos, or other media effectively | | 10 |
| Posts are visually balanced with clear use of space, images, and text | | 5 |
| Posts follow a consistent theme/style aligned with lodge branding | | 10 |
| Posts use platform-specific features appropriately (stories, reels, links) | | 5 |
| Content | | 40 Total |
| Posts clearly communicate upcoming events, dates, times, and locations | | 10 |
| Posts include lodge announcements, news, or updates | | 10 |
| Posts feature event highlights or recaps | | 5 |
| Content promotes lodge spirit, engagement, and participation | | 10 |
| Posts are accurate and free of grammatical, typographical, and factual errors | | 5 |
| Total Points | | 100 Total |



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2026 – 2030 Event Calendar & Host Rotation Section E5, Order of the Arrow

2026

National Leadership Seminars (NLS) & Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC)

February 20-22, 2026 | Warren Willis Camp, Fruitlandpark, FL

NLS & DYLC

March 20-22, 2026 | Hark Mountain Scout Reservation, Schuylkill Haven, PA

E5 Section Conference

April 10-12, 2026 | Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Jupiter, FL
Hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge

Operation Arrow at the National Jamboree

July 22-31, 2026 | Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, WV

NLS & DYLC

October 2-4, 2026 | Camp Buck Toms, Rockwood, TN

E5 Section Leadership Summit

November 13-15, 2026 | Camp La-No-Che, Paisley, FL
Hosted by Tipisa Lodge

NLS & DYLC

November 13-15, 2026 | Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

2027

E5 Section Conference

April 2027

Hosted by Echockotee Lodge

National Order of the Arrow Conference

July 26-31, 2027 | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

E5 Section Leadership Summit

November 2027

Hosted by Semialachee



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2026 - 2030 Host Rotation

| Year | Section Conference | Section Leadership Summit |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 2026 | Aal-Pa-Tah | Tipisa |
| 2027 | Echockotee | Semialachee |
| 2028 | Tipisa | O-Shot-Caw |
| 2029 | Semialachee | Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee |
| 2030 | O-Shot-Caw | Osceola |

Host Rotation Guidelines:

- The Section E5 Conference typically is held the first or second weekend in April, depending on availability of the host facilities and council calendars.
- The Section E5 Leadership Summit typically is held the first or second weekend in November, depending on availability of the host facilities and council calendars.
- The dates for a section event are confirmed 12-18 months in advance of the event in consultation between the Section and Lodge key 3.
- Lodges host the Section E5 Leadership Summit 18 months in advance of hosting the Section E5 Conference.
- The host rotation ensures each lodge in Section E5 has an opportunity to host both section events on a fair cadence.