



Section E5 Lodge Chiefs Call (LCZC)

Monday, March 2nd, 7pm ET

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Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Chief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osceola |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Vice Chief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O-Shot-Caw |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semialachee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aal-Pa-Tah | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tipisa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Echeekotee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee |

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Section Officer Reports

a. Section Chief - Nick Switzer

- i. Nick reported on an “amazing” February that included visiting Aal-Pa-Tah’s February Ordeal at Camp Oklawaha, staffing his council’s NYLT course, and as well staffing NLS.
- ii. He mentioned that he will be attending Aal-Pa-Tah’s Spring Ordeal this weekend, Osceola’s March Ordeal the following weekend, and is looking forward to Section Conference in a few weeks.

b. Section Vice Chief - Walter Mentz

- i. Walter announced he will be attending Aal-Pa-Tah’s Spring Ordeal this weekend, and has obtained all necessary contacts for the King’s Cup at section conference.
- ii. He noted that NLS participants were inspired and attended because their chiefs directly asked them, expressing thanks for their promotion efforts.

c. Section Secretary - Brady Kondek

- i. Brady reported having staffed Tipisa’s Native American Weekend (TNAW) a few weeks ago, and expressed his gratitude to everyone for a great time at NLS & DYLC.
- ii. He announced the release of the section conference promotional toolkit, which includes graphics, social media posts, and flyers to help aid lodges in promoting section conference; urging chiefs to share it with their communications teams. This is available at e5.oa-scouting.org/conference/promotional-materials.
- iii. Brady also revealed the newly updated section logo, which has been refreshed to lighten the color of the panther to make it more accurately represent a Florida Panther. As well, he announced the release of the



Winter 2026 edition of *Sounds of the Section*, available at e5.oa-scouting.org/sos-winter-2026.

- iv. Trading post chair Megan Ewing announced the launch of the long-awaited section trading post (e5.oa-scouting.org/merchandise), with announcements via social media and email to go out the following day. **Orders will be open until Tuesday, March 17th.** Pre-ordered merchandise will be available for pickup at section conference, and if someone isn't able to attend it will be left with their lodge adviser or designated designee for pickup at a later time. The merchandise items include:
 - Columbia shirt with embroidered section logo (\$52)
 - 2026 neckerchief (\$32)
 - 2025 neckerchief (\$25)
 - 2025 E5 patch (\$5)
 - Sticker with new section logo (\$1)

3. Lodge Reports

a. Aal-Pa-Tah

- i. Lodge Chief Ethan Stabile reported that Aal-Pa-Tah had a strong start to the year with 34 new members inducted during their February Ordeal, and 86 expected candidates at their Spring Ordeal this coming weekend. A total of ten people attended NLS & DYLC, and 43 members are currently registered for section conference.

b. Echokotee

- i. Lodge Chief Katie McConnell reported that Echokotee has been active, with 17 Arrowmen having attended NLS & DYLC, bringing leadership and energy back to the lodge. She noted that several members of their dance team attended Semialachee's Native American Weekend (SNAW) to support and build inter-lodge friendships. Katie also shared that their spring fellowship, themed to Cartoon Network, is scheduled for this weekend, with nearly 200 participants currently registered, and she expressed anticipation for a weekend of fellowship and strong programming.

c. Osceola

- i. Lodge Vice Chief of Administration Douglas Meridos, reporting for Chief Lola Saad, reported that Osceola brought 1 youth and 1 adult to NLS & DYLC, with one adult serving on staff. Their upcoming March Ordeal is scheduled for March 13-15, and currently has 130 candidates and over 200 Arrowmen currently registered. He also shared that they have a goal of bringing 55 Arrowmen to section conference.

d. O-Shot-Caw

- i. Lodge Chief Andrew Beckman reported that O-Shot-Caw held their annual banquet with nearly 200 people in attendance, seven keeping their Vigil, and competition teams preparing for section conference. He also



announced that Brandon Seymour has been elected as the next O-Shot-Caw lodge chief.

e. Semialachee

- i. Lodge Chief Marc Cabansag reported on the success of Semialachee's Native American Weekend (SNAW), and thanked Echokotee for sending dancers during the weekend. He announced the revival of their lodge's newsletter *Smoke Signals*, and has upcoming events including a Cherokee of Georgia work weekend and their spring fellowship in April.

f. Tipisa

- i. Lodge Chief Benton Forrester reported that Tipisa was able to provide 10 youth subsidies for NLS, all of which were used; further noting that three advisers also completed DYLC. He also shared details on their upcoming Spring Conclave, themed to "How to Train Your Dragon," including their Friday night Vigil call-out, Saturday night Founders Award presentation, retirement of their 20-year-old chief jacket, and the commissioning of a new one. He also thanked Brady for planning to visit and serve as a ceremonialist for their pre-vigil ceremony, and invited members to participate in the weekend's event; also sharing that he is looking forward to seeing everyone at section conference.

g. Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee

- i. Lodge Chief JJ Sheridan reported that Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee inducted 19 new members at one of their recent chapter conclaves, and opened the Roadkill Grill at their council camporee for fundraising. Their spring conclave, set for this weekend, has 138 members and 25 candidates currently registered. They have finalized a rendering for their back patch and have pre-orders available, and their fall fellowship this year will celebrate the lodge's 10th anniversary.

4. Upcoming Events

a. 2026 Section Conference

- i. Section Conference Chair Stephanie Cargill reported on a successful section conference workday on February 27th, with plans for more service during Aal-Pa-Tah's Spring Ordeal. She confirmed ongoing work to the program, and the next work day is scheduled for April 4th.
- ii. Andrew asked whether or not a national officer will be in attendance, as \$500 as allocated in the approved budget presented at SLS. Stephanie responded saying that the host lodge is not planning to have one, and Nick further mentioned that all of them are booked up now for that weekend. Andrew asked where the \$500 will be going in place of that, and Stephanie responded saying that it will be going into other program activities, though specifics on that were not mentioned.
- iii. Ethan also chimed in with another housekeeping memo for registration, asking lodges to do due diligence in checking SYT compliance and making sure that registrants are selecting their lodge and OA level, as this info gets printed on the name badges worn at the event. Aal-Pa-Tah is



having issues with Tentaroo where the fields aren't able to be marked as required, and people are not filling them out because of that. A how-to guide on how to go back in and change one's registration to add any missing information will be sent out to each lodge.

5. New Business

a. Section Conference Competitions

- i. Nick outlined the lodge admin competitions that will be happening at section conference this year, which include:
 - **Best All-Around Lodge** (overseen by Section Chief)
 - **Inductions Administration** (overseen by Section Vice Chief)
 - **King's Cup** (overseen by Section Vice Chief)
 - **Publications** (overseen by Section Secretary)
 - **Social Media** (overseen by Section Secretary)
 - **Website** (overseen by Section Secretary)
- ii. He reminded everyone to make sure to review the rubrics ahead of time, and make sure that the respective lodge members who oversee these competitions have this info. Rubrics and other related information for these competitions are available at e5.oa-scouting.org/conference/competitions.

b. 2025 Section Conference Disbursement Review

- i. Nick and Michael outlined the disbursement of excess revenue from the 2025 Section Conference, now that Central Florida Council has completed their end-of-year financial review.
- ii. With a total excess amount of \$6,119.78, it is to be split with 50% going to the section, and the other 50% being split amongst the lodges based on attendance at the event. The lodge breakdown is as follows:
 - **Aal-Pa-Tah** (94 attendees, 16% attendance): **\$504.61**
 - **Echockotee** (58 attendees, 10% attendance): **\$311.36**
 - **Osceola** (181 attendees, 32% attendance): **\$971.65**
 - **O-Shot-Caw** (89 attendees, 16% attendance): **\$477.77**
 - **Tipisa** (71 attendees, 12% attendance): **\$381.14**
 - **Semialachee** (17 attendees, 3% attendance): **\$91.26**
 - **Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee** (60 attendees, 11% attendance): **\$322.09**
- iii. The section is taking 50% of the excess revenue to help cover the costs of travel required by the section officers (with adult support) such as the Section Officer Gathering, Section Officers Seminar, and sending the section chief to the National Planning Meeting (NPM), and as well other scholarships to be offered from the section level as deemed appropriate by section leadership (ex: OAHA, NLS, etc.).
- iv. Once your lodge has confirmed payment details, a check will be cut from Central Florida Council (the section's custodial council); which will include standard processing and mailing time.



6. Adviser's Minute - Michael Todd

- a. Michael thanked everyone for attending NLS & DYLC, emphasizing that the value of NLS lies in the connections made and shared experiences, rather than just the content of the training. He also reminded that the letter of approval to run for a section officer position must come from the council scout executive/their designee, and is required for all three positions (chief, vice chief, and secretary). This approval must be received before the start of the Sunday business meeting, in whichever form is most convenient to the candidate/their lodge.