



# THE SOUNDS OF S-4S

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## 2008 Section Conference a Tremendous Success

By Joe Charbonnet

From April 11-13, Camp Flying Eagle in Bradenton played host to the 2008 S-4S Section Conference. Hundreds of arrowmen from the eight lodges in the Florida peninsula participated in the conference, hosted by Osceola Lodge. In what was the last section conference for S-4S before it incorporates 3 other lodges to form Section S-4.

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The event opened Friday night with a show that entertained sonically and visually. The crowd of rowdy scouts was first treated to a show by a group wearing flexible glowsticks, so that in the dark they appeared to be dancing stick men. Next a "Greenman Group" performed an act that involved big props, audience interaction, and lots of percussion. The show was then concluded by a rock band that jammed until late into the night.

The games and competitions began the next morning before dawn with the 5k run, and with early-rising lodge representatives preparing their presentations of websites, publications, and historical displays for later that day. After a productive morning of training and assessments of everything from newsletters to Nutikets (in the ceremonies evaluation), the section took a break for lunch, during which scouts even had a chance to give blood. In the afternoon, athletic contests ranged from the classic volleyball and tug-of-wars to the more novel water balloon bombs and tricycle races. The final competitions of the night included the Festival of Feathers Pow-wow, where all styles of dancers performed and were evaluated. Even youth teams of singers and drummers were judged.

That night scouts enjoyed another show, this time in the camp's large new, state-of-the-art amphitheater. The show featured both previously recorded and live comedic sketches, plus lots of cheering from the audience. The next morning, the lodges got to find out how they performed over the weekend, as the good weather held out long enough for the section to present awards for all of the evaluations and competitions, and even elect new officers. As the trailers pulled out of the camp and the clouds began to drop their rain Sunday, several hundred scouts left camp, tired, but quite contented.



Scouts dance together at the Festival of Feathers Pow-wow.

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## Chiefly Speaking

By Quentin Lesser

Greetings Brothers,

As the sun sets on Section Conference 2008, a new dawn is upon us. As the new Section S-4 has been formed from 8 lodges from Florida and 3 lodges in Georgia, we have a new opportunity to build the strongest section in the nation. We will all soon take pride in the fact that wherever we travel in this organization, the phrase “S-4” will turn heads.

We currently lead the nation in Order of the Arrow High Adventure program attendance with 34 people attending Philmont, Northern Tier, and Florida Sea Base this summer. ArrowCorps5 is also just around the corner as we embark on a service project unlike any other in the history of our organization.

Section S-4 will become a great section over the coming year. It is crucial that we establish better intra-lodge relationships. Your section officers have dedicated themselves to build 11 Quality Lodges. The Section Assistance Teams will be busy this year as we strive to ensure that every brother in our section is a member of a Quality Lodge.

Section Events this year will be of a caliber unseen before. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has been hard at work to ensure we have tons of fun when we gather for our Section Seminars in November. In April 2009 we will culminate our year at Sandhill Scout Reservation as we gather for a Section Conference hosted by Timuquan Lodge which will be like no other section gathering in the country.

With help from all 11 lodges, we will once again become the number one section in the nation.

Yours in Witahemui,

Quentin Lesser  
Section S-4 Chief



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**Quentin Lesser** is an Eagle Scout from Troop 99 in Jacksonville, FL. He began his OA career as a ceremonialist, and eventually a multi-term ceremonies chairman. He has served his chapter as a Chapter Vice Chief and a two-term Chapter Chief. On the lodge level, he has served as Vice-Chief of Program and ArrowCorps5 youth coordinator in addition to his service to the section as a trainer and a Key Three youth for the Section Conference 2007 Host committee. In his free time he enjoys hiking, backpacking, swimming, and rock climbing. He looks forward to attending all three Order of the Arrow High Adventure bases in the summer of 2009, as well as working with his officers and serving you in this coming year to make Section S-4 the greatest in the nation.

Would you like to be part of creating *The Sounds of the Section*? Email your ideas, questions, and columns to Joe at [joecharbonnet@gmail.com](mailto:joecharbonnet@gmail.com).

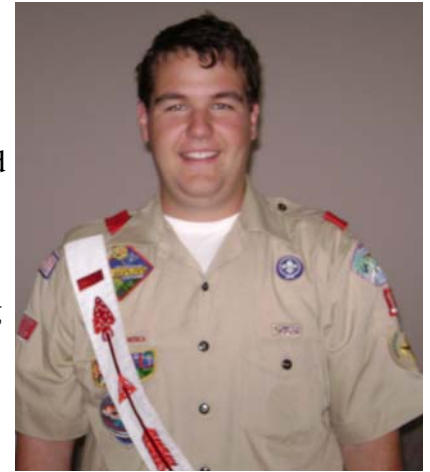
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## Meet Your Section S-4 Officers

In addition to the chief, there are four new officers. These brief biographies will help you get to know the newly elected leaders, but watch for the next issue of *The Sounds* for even more extensive background information on the officers.

### **Patrick Burnett– Vice Chief**

Patrick Burnett is an 18 year old attending the University of Georgia and a member of Pilthlako Lodge, which serves the southeastern-most counties of Georgia. He is looking forward to the friendships that will rekindle as we emerge as a *re-unified* S-4 and continuing the past successes of Sections S-4S and S-4N as they merge together. He anticipates getting to meet new people and wishes everyone has a fun—and more importantly safe—summer at ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> and the High Adventure Bases.



### **Sean Ferrier-Vice Chief**

Sean is an Eagle Scout from Troop 117 in Fort Myers, FL and a Vigil member of Osceola Lodge, in which he has held many positions. He plans to study electrical engineering at Florida Gulf Coast University. He is very active in his council and in the OA High Adventure programs. As Section Vice Chief he hopes to increase communication within our Section, bringing us all closer together so that we can share ideas and improve our Lodges and ourselves. He also hopes to make this year's Section Seminars and Conference the best that they can be.

### **Joe Charbonnet– Secretary**

Joe Charbonnet is an Eagle Scout and ASM from Troop 164 in Gainesville, FL, North Florida Council and will Georgia Tech in Atlanta next year. In the past year he served many roles in Echokotee Lodge, currently working at the council Summer Camp. Joe demonstrates a passion for what he writes and produces and his primary goals include expanding the circulation of the *Sounds of the Section* and improving the quality and substance of the writing, to better inform and recognize the arrowmen in S-4.



### **Andrew Self– Historian**

Andrew Self will be a senior at Bartram Trail High School in St. Johns County, FL next year and is an Eagle Scout and a member of Troop 333, Crew 333, and Ship 21 in the North Florida Council. Further, he is a member of the Elemukulek Chapter of Echokotee Lodge 200. He is very excited for this next year and primarily seeks to ensure an excellent King's Cup competition for next year, believing that giving the lodges a chance to show off to the rest of the Section benefits other lodges and gives arrowmen a forum to show what our order is all about.

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## 2008 Section Conference Awards

### Best All Around Lodge

1st place: Aal-Pa-Tah  
2nd place: O-Shot-Caw  
3rd place: Tipisa

### Sprit award

1st place: Echockotee

### Lodge Publications

1st place: Echockotee  
2nd place: O-Shot-Caw  
3rd place: Aal-Pa-Tah

### Lodge Website

1st place: Echockotee  
2nd place: Tipisa  
3rd place: Aal-Pa-Tah

### King's Cup— Novice Category

1st place: Timuquan  
2nd place: Semialachee

### King's Cup— Advanced Category

1st place: Aal-Pa-Tah  
2nd place: Echockotee  
3rd place: Tipisa

### Inductions

1st place: O-Shot-Caw  
2nd place: Tipisa  
3rd place: Osceola

### Quest for the Hidden Arrow

Ordeal: O-Shot-Caw  
Brotherhood: Osceola  
Vigil: Tipisa

### Tug-of-war

1st place: O-Shot-Caw  
2nd place: Timuquan

### 5k Run

1st place: Joe Charbonnet  
2nd place: Greg Knicker  
3rd place: Zack Maiolec

### Volleyball

1st place: O-Shot-Caw  
2nd place: Tipisa

### Golf Tournament

1st Place Lodge: Osceola  
1st Place Team: Aal-Pa-Tah  
2nd Place Team: O-Shot-Caw

### Lodge ball

1st place: Aal-Pa-Tah  
2nd place: Semialachee

### Ultimate Frisbee

1st place: Echockotee  
2nd place: Semialachee

### Water Bombs

1st place: Timuquan  
2nd place: Tipisa  
3rd place: O-Shot-Caw

### Carnival Relay

1st place: O-Shot-Caw  
2nd place: Timuquan  
3rd place: Semialachee

### Overall Quest for the Golden Arrow

1st place: Timuquan  
2nd place: Semialachee  
3rd place: Tipisa

### Ceremonies

#### Pre-Ordeal

Best in Section: O-Shot-Caw  
Honor Teams:

Aal Pa Tah  
O-Shot-Caw  
Semialachee  
Seminole

#### Best of Principals:

Allowat Sakima – Michael Grove (Aal Pa Tah)  
Meteu – Sean Pullen (Semialachee)  
Nutiket – Ian McKay (Aal Pa Tah)  
Kichkinet – Lenny Schrager (O Shot Caw)



O-shot-caw and Echockotee square off in a first-round volleyball game. O-shot-caw would eventually win the tournament.

3rd Place Team: Semialachee

### Advisor Sink-a-thon

1st place: Osceola  
2nd place: Tipisa  
3rd place: Aal-Pa-Tah

### Quest for the Golden Arrow

#### Iditarod Dog Sledding

1st place: Semialachee  
2nd place: Timuquan  
3rd place: Tipisa

#### Moving platform

1st place: Timuquan/Tipisa (TIE)  
3rd place: O-Shot-Caw

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## **Brotherhood**

Best in Section: O-Shot-Caw  
Honor Teams:  
Aal Pa Tah  
O-Shot-Caw  
Tipisa

## Best of Principals:

Allowat Sakima – Kevin Smith  
(O-Shot-Caw)  
Meteu – Tim Taylor (Seminole)  
Nutiket – Michael Worley (O-Shot-Caw)  
Kichkinet – Lenny Schragger (O-Shot-Caw )

## **Vigil**

Best in Section: Michael Grove  
(Aal Pa Tah)  
Honor Chiefs:  
Michael Grove (Aal Pa Tah)  
Lenny Schragger (O Shot Caw)

## **AIA Awards**

### **Dance Clothes Evaluation**

#### **Fancy**

1st: Matt Gagne (Aal Pa Tah)  
2nd: Chaz Pinna (O-Shot-Caw)  
3rd: Walter Arnett (Aal Pa Tah)

#### **Old Style**

1st: Jack McCleod (O-Shot-Caw)  
2nd: George Gregory (Tipisa)

#### **Grass**

1st: Bradley Phibbs (Aal Pa Tah)  
2nd: Brian Whitker (Tipisa)  
3rd: Michael Coppoia (Aal Pa Tah)

#### **Northern Traditional**

1st: Tony Cox (Tipisa)  
2nd: Brian Sweeney (O-Shot-Caw)  
3rd: AJ Johnson (Echokotee)

## **Southern Trad. Straight**

1st: Zach Lombardo (Osceola)  
2nd: Tony Gordon (Aal Pa Tah)  
3rd: Daniel Evans (Osceola)

## **Craft Items**

### **Advanced Craft**

1st: Tony Cox (Tipisa)  
2nd: Cody Boettner (Tipisa)  
3rd: Brian Whitker (Tipisa)

### **Novice Craft**

1st: Brent Meister (Tipisa)  
2nd: AJ Johnson (Echokotee)  
3rd: Brandon Whitker (Tipisa)

## **Individual Dance**

### **Old Style-Advanced**

1st: Jack McCleod (O-Shot-Caw)  
2nd: George Gregory (Tipisa)

### **Northern Traditional-Novice**

1st: Brent Meister (Tipisa)  
2nd: Brandon Whitker (Tipisa)  
3rd: Levi Stahl (Aal Pa Tah)

### **Northern Traditional-Advanced**

1st: Josh Barberi (Tipisa)  
2nd: Zach Johnson (Osceola)  
3rd: AJ Johnson (Echokotee)

### **Straight-Novice**

1st: Daniel Evans (Osceola)  
2nd: Spencer Pascoe (Osceola)  
3rd: Gabe Bellmore (Osceola)

## **Straight-Advanced**

1st: Tony Gordon (Aal Pa Tah)  
2nd: Zach Lombardo (Osceola)

## **Grass-Advanced**

1st: Bradley Phibbs (Aal Pa Tah)  
2nd: Brian Whitker (Tipisa)  
3rd: Michael Coppoia (Aal Pa Tah)



The section watches in on the Advisor Sink-a-thon, the Hallmark of section competition

## **Fancy-Novice**

1st: Stephen Abner (Tipisa)

## **Fancy-Advanced**

1st: Cody Boettner (Tipisa)  
2nd: Chaz Pinna (O-Shot-Caw)  
3rd: Walter Arnett (Aal Pa Tah)

## **Group Dance-Advanced**

1st: O-Shot-Caw

## **Group Dance-Novice**

1st- Tipisa  
2nd- Semialachee

## **Singing and Drum**

1st-O-Shot-Caw  
2nd-Tipisa  
3rd- Echokotee

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## 2008 Calendar of Events

### June

1-14 Arrow Corps 5: Mark Twain  
14-21 Arrow Corps 5: Manti-La Sal  
21-28 Arrow Corps5: George Washington and Jefferson  
3 Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure Begins  
8 Order of the Arrow Tail Crew begins  
10 Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage Begins

### July

12-19 Arrow Corps5: Shasta- Trinity  
26- August - Arrow Corps 5 : Bridger Teton

### November

7-9 Section Seminars: Camp Tana-Keeta

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Joe Charbonnet

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<http://www.sections4s.org>

Our next edition will introduce you to our new Section S-4 and our new website, as well as Section Seminars and the 2009 NOAC... so look for it soon!  
(Address for new website currently TBA)