

# The voice

NOAC EDITION

## THE OFFICERS ARE COMING!!

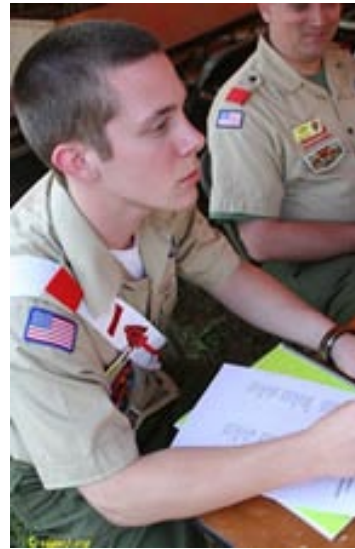
THOMAS LAMBERT

At a recent section conclave the statement was made that the section coming to help sounds a lot like "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help you." While many people feel the section is in a realm far outside of the lodges, this is not the case; members of the Section Assistance Team are lodge chiefs and section officers who have come together for one purpose, to strengthen every lodge so our members and communities can be better served.



Each section assistance team visit includes many staples which make it beneficial for both the lodge and section. The team always reviews a lodge's accomplishments on the preceding year's Quality Lodge Recognition Petition, offering advice on how to achieve the goal next time, or how to become an even better lodge. Other hot

topics include discussions on how the lodge can provide better service to the council and further achieve the purposes of the OA. By helping to set obtainable lodge goals, reviewing the lodge's annual program plan, and informing lodge officers about new OA procedures/programs,



the section can not only help the lodge, but also take something away from the visitation that will hopefully help other lodges who might be in a similar positions.

The success of a program is contingent upon every Arrowman taking ownership, and looking for ways to improve and expand the program. So the next time you see your Section Vice Chief, ask

him when your lodge is scheduled for its next visitation and see if you can't find some way to help the visitations in your section/lodge be "All that they can be." If you want more information on Section Assistance Teams, feel free drop me a line at [Thomasbsa@gmail.com](mailto:Thomasbsa@gmail.com).



## THE DANCER

JAMES PFEIFFER

Travis Sheehan, the past Section Chief of SR-4S, is a man who has seen almost everything when it comes to dancing. After having served as his lodge's Dance Team Chairman and placing second in the Fancy Dance competition at the 2004 National Conference, serving as a Conference Vice Chief should be a breeze.

Travis is an active member of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge of the Gulf Stream



Council #85 and has attended every NOAC since 2000. While this alone is quite impressive, he has also attended or staffed everything from the National Jamboree and Indian Summer to the National Leadership Seminar and Southern Region SOSs.

Travis hails from Jupiter, Florida, and studies architecture at the University of Florida. When not hitting the books in the library, Travis enjoys wrestling crocodiles, extreme in-line skating, and



beating the Seminoles in football every November.

Travis is honored by the opportunity to serve the Order as a Conference Vice Chief and help make the 2006 NOAC one for the history books. If you are interested in Native American dance or are simply curious about what goes on during a competition, NOAC is the place to learn. Travis is

working hard to ensure everyone enjoys the OA's rich history, so if you see him make sure to thank him for his work and yell "go, gators, go!"



## SUCCESS COUNTS



**D**ear Brothers,

This summer looks to be a high watermark for our Order. For the first time, all three OA High Adventure programs are filled, NOAC will be the largest gathering of Arrowmen in our Order's history with over 8,000 participants expected, and with only three lodges still unregistered we hope to have

a contingent from every lodge in the Order present, another first.

With all of the excitement for the Order, this summer is also promising to be an exciting one for myself. I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to be a part of the largest NOAC and will be attending both the OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier and the OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base. Having attended OA Trail Crew at Philmont last year, I am a firm believer that OA High Adventure is the most incredible opportunity available to Arrowmen.

Though summer is here and most of us are putting off any thought of the fall and what it has to bring (school, cold weather, more school, etc) don't forget to look to the future. Our region will be hosting three National Leadership Seminars (NLS) in October and November. NLS is the premier training course offered by our Order. If you have not been through this course I encourage you to look into attending one of these events. The three seminars will be in Texas, Georgia, and North Carolina respectively. Information about this great training conference can be found on the region website, [www.southern.ou-bsa.org](http://www.southern.ou-bsa.org). Also please talk to your lodge chief or lodge adviser to find out how to register.

I hope to see many of you at NOAC, be sure to come say "howdy" at the Southern Region booth on Founders day and don't miss the Southern Region Gathering.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve,

Dustin  
2006 Southern Region Chief  
[www.southern.ou-bsa.org](http://www.southern.ou-bsa.org)

## TEDDY BEAR??

JAMES PFEIFFER

**S**ervice. That is what Jeff Bona, Section Chief of Section SR-7A and CVC for Radio, Info Booths, and Hometown News, is all about. Hailing from Roanoke, Virginia, Jeff served as Service Chairman of Tutelo Lodge for two years before being elected Section Chief. He has also worked on staff at his council's summer camp for the past seven years!

Jeff is a towering man, yet he is known for his friendly demeanor and willingness to help others whenever he is able. Jeff always has a smile on his face, and according to members of his Lodge, "...is a big teddy bear."

Jeff majors in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism at Radford University and is minoring in business. In his free time he loves to sky-dive, go for long walks on the



beach, and watch lost episodes of the Dave Chappelle Show.

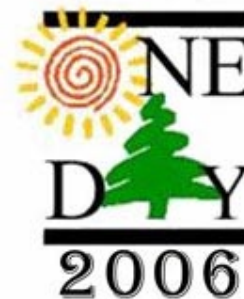
Jeff is excited about the opportunity to ensure that every participant at this year's National Conference is provided with accurate up-to-date information regarding changes to schedules and locations of events. If you get lost, just head over to the nearest information booth, and the staff will be glad to set you back on course. And who knows, maybe you will get the chance to meet the "Teddy Bear."



## ONE DAY OF SERVICE

DYLAN POLK

**I**t's that time again, time to start planning your One Day of Service within your lodge. Though it may seem a long way away, 2 more months, the key difference between



a good project and a great one is giving yourself enough time to plan ahead. If you need tips or ideas, check the region web-

site, [www.southern.ou-bsa.org](http://www.southern.ou-bsa.org), or feel free to email me at [comanche\\_254@hotmail.com](mailto:comanche_254@hotmail.com).

Oh, and remember to HAVE a BLAST AT NOAC!!!



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