

New Member Information



Immokalee Lodge #353 Chehaw Council, Georgia

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Who Are We?

We are Immokalee Lodge #353 of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. We are the Society of Honor Campers in Chehaw Council who were chosen by our fellow scouts to receive that honor. We have as one of our main purposes to assure the continued high level of camping in Chehaw Council by providing the maintenance for Camp Osborn and by providing most of Camp Osborn's summer camp staff, both youth and adult. We are bound together by a unique experience in the lives of young men, a true test of both physical and mental endurance, which is known as The Ordeal.

History of Immokalee Lodge

Immokalee Lodge (#353) of the Order of the Arrow was officially chartered in Chehaw Council on January 17, 1947. It remained the chartered Order of the Arrow lodge when the Council changed its name to Southwest Georgia Council and when the Council changed its name back to Chehaw Council.

Immokalee Lodge was actually organized in 1945, although it was not officially chartered until 1947. The known charter members were: Luther Wood, Jr. (Albany), Jimmy Buchanan (Americus), Billy Morton (Tifton), Henry David "Sonny" Collier (Tifton), and a scout with the last name of Williams (Colquitt). These members were selected by the Council and went through The Ordeal at the Area J Conclave in Jacksonville, Florida, the weekend of November 2 to 4, 1945. Luther Wood, Jr. was Lodge Chief from 1945 through 1947.

According to Luther Wood, Jr., the Council professionals gave the Lodge the name of Immokalee with no input from the boys. No one knows if they researched the meaning of the name or if they just picked the name out of a book on Indian history. The word "Immokalee" originated from the Miccosukee Indian word "Ah-mo-gee," which means "my home" or "my place." The Miccosukee language was not a written language, which made it easier for the

words to change pronunciations over time. As the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes began to merge in the 1800s, the word became “Immokalee.” Thus, Immokalee is considered a Seminole word. The word “Immokalee,” nor anything with a similar spelling, is found in the Creek Indian language. In the Creek Indian language, “house” is “Cuko” rather than something similar to Immokalee.

The totem of Immokalee Lodge is the long-eared owl. Legend has it that at the first Tap-Out to be held at Camp Osborn in 1946 a long-eared owl gave its dire hoot of warning and flew down across the dance area as the ceremony team selected those chosen for The Ordeal. As a consequence of this, the lodge adopted the large, long-eared owl, the *óbo* of ancient Creek warriors, as the lodge totem.

The first “Tap-Out” and “Ordeal” to be held at Camp Osborn were in 1946. Through 1949, each troop voted at summer camp for which of its members would be elected to the Order of the Arrow. Beginning in 1950, troops have voted at a regular meeting prior to summer camp. The “Tap-Out,” which took place on Friday night after dark, consisted of members of the Order of the Arrow dancing in full regalia among the scouts and striking those elected on the shoulder with an arrow to signify their election. These ceremonies were attended by the Scouts and Staff only. At some time in the 1950s, the “Tap-Out” was moved to Wednesday night to coincide with Family Night.

In the 1940s, upon being “tapped-out,” the Ordeal (or initiation) began immediately thereafter with the “night alone under the stars.” Saturday was the workday, which ended at 5:00 pm and was followed by the traditional supper and ceremony. In about 1950, the Ordeal was changed from each weekend of summer camp until the last weekend of summer camp. All candidates came back on that Friday to begin their Ordeal. At some time in the mid-1960s The Ordeal was moved to a weekend after summer camp. In the early 1970s the practice of using arrows for the “tapping” was prohibited at Camp Osborn due to a severe injury to a scout’s ear. By the 1980s the use of arrows was prohibited in all lodges, and the “Tap-Out” became known as the “Call-Out.” To have the arrow broken over your shoulder was considered a high honor.

There are no ranks in the Order of the Arrow. But, after 10 months of membership, each Ordeal member can and should become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. A Brotherhood member is someone who has taken the time to go back and study the ceremonies and symbolism of the Ordeal weekend, all of which you were too tired to understand during your ordeal weekend. Information on the requirements for becoming a Brotherhood member can be found in your Order of the Arrow handbook. Brotherhood members have a bar at each end of the arrow on the sash. The only other type of membership is a Vigil member. A Vigil member is someone that the Order of the Arrow's National Council has recognized by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, for having made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to the Lodge, Council, or Scouting. Vigil members wear a triangle in the center of the arrow on their sash. Since the 1947 chartering of Immokalee Lodge, there have been over 2400 members, but only 125 members have received the Vigil Honor.

Active membership in Immokalee Lodge has varied over time. Currently it averages 200 scouts at any given time, including both youths and adults. The earliest recorded lodge membership is from December, 1960, when the Lodge had 98 members. These 98 members consisted of 65 Ordeal members, 31 Brotherhood members, and 2 Vigil members.

Immokalee Lodge publishes its news in *The Owl Hoot*, which was first published in 1960. A number of these publications can be found on the Lodge's website. In 1998, Ben Horton took Immokalee Lodge into the internet age by starting the Immokalee Lodge website. The website was one of the first for an individual lodge and is still operating today at www.immokalee353.org.

The Order of the Arrow is a youth-lead organization, even at the national level. Scouts are considered "youth" for purposes of the Order of the Arrow until they reach the age of 21 rather than 18 years of age. Each Lodge elects a Lodge Chief, several Vice-Lodge Chiefs, and a Secretary who run the Lodge. Each youth is assigned an adult

advisor to assist him in carrying out his duties. A list of current Immokalee Lodge officers and advisors can be found at the end of this pamphlet.

In addition to the Lodge officers, at the yearly Conclave each Section elects officers from the scouts in attendance. Over the years, Immokalee Lodge has had three members hold the position of Section Chief. These members are: Jason Adams in 2002 for Section S4N; Troy Golden in 1990 and 1991 for Section SE4; and Ben Horton in 1987, 1988, and 1989 for Section S4. Additionally, a number of Immokalee members have held other Section offices such as Vice-Section Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

While the arrow sash is the identifier of a member of the Order of the Arrow, a patch for the right shirt pocket (usually with the totem and lodge name) was used as an identifier for the individual lodge into the 1950s. In the late 1950s, a patch designed to fit on the flap of the right pocket became the standard Order of the Arrow identifier. These patches are commonly referred to as “flaps.” The first patch Immokalee Lodge used was an hourglass-shaped right pocket patch with the owl emblem. In 1958, under the direction of Miles T. Clements, a member of the Lodge, Ken Hancock, a talented Tifton artist (but not a scout), designed the first flap. The first flap is commonly known as the S1 flap. The “S” means that the flap has stitching covering the backing rather than using the backing as the background. The “1” means that it was the first flap from the lodge. All of the patches that Immokalee Lodge has issued can be found on the Lodge’s website.

Upon completion of your Ordeal, you will be entitled to wear the Immokalee Lodge flap (patch) on the flap of your right shirt pocket.



Flap S39 – The current Ordeal member flap

Immokalee Lodge Section History

Each year the Order of the Arrow lodges in a designated Section gather in the spring for a Conclave. Immokalee Lodge has been part of a number of Sections (or Areas) over the years. They are: from 1945 through 1949, Area J; from 1950 through 1952, Section 6C; from 1953 through 1972, Section 6D; from 1973 through 1982, Area 5; from 1983 through 1992, SE-4; from 1993 through 2001, S4; and from 2002 through 2008, SR-4N. In 2009, Immokalee Lodge returned to a consolidated Section S4 consisting of eleven of the prior S4 lodges, which are 85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545, and 564. Only lodges 119 and 358 did not rejoin Section S4. A list of the camps and lodges attending each of the Conclaves in which Immokalee Lodge has participated can be found at the end of this pamphlet. Immokalee Lodge has hosted six Section Conclaves at Camp Osborn in the years 1956, 1961, 1967, 1983, 1992, and 2003.

In addition to the annual Section Conclave, Section S4 held a "Section Seminar" each year. The Section Seminar was a fall gathering of the Lodges. The Council of Chiefs met all day Saturday and the other members of the lodges had seminars on Indian culture and other matters relating to the Order of the Arrow. The Section Seminar concept is unique to Section S4 (now S4S) and one other section in the country.

In 2001, the Section Seminar was hosted by Immokalee Lodge and held at Camp Osborn for the newly reformed and divided Section S4. In 2001, Section S4 was enlarged to include southern Alabama and west Florida and divided into south and north subsections. At that time, Echeconnee 358 and Tomo Chi Chi 119 lodges were reassigned from Section S4 to other sections. The 2001 Section Seminar at Camp Osborn was the only Section Seminar ever held for all of the new Section S4 (both north and south). All fifteen lodges of the new Section S4 and Echeconnee 358 and Tomo Chi Chi 119 (for a total of seventeen lodges) were invited to attend. Consequently, it was called the "Great" S4 Section Seminar.

More on the history of Immokalee Lodge can be found in *The History of Chehaw Council* at CHEHAWCOUNCILBOOK.ORG .

2009 - 2010 Calendar of Lodge Events

September 18 to 20, 2009 - Fall Ordeal and Fellowship at Camp Osborn

October 23 - 25, 2009 - OA Exhibition at Webeloree

November 20 - 22, 2009 - Winter Ordeal and Fellowship

December 10, 2009 - Winter Banquet

January 29 to 31, 2010 - Winter Pow Wow at Camp Osborn

February 12 to 14, 2010 - Endurance Ride at Camp Osborn

April 17 to 19, 2010 - Section Conference

2009 Lodge Officers

Position	Name
Lodge Chief	Andrew Horne
VC- Indian Affairs	Ben Crawford
VC-Ceremonies	Alan Herin
Secretary	Brandon Moorhead
Lodge Advisor	Sam Thompson
Lodge Associate Advisor	Mark Barrett
Staff Advisor	Marie Jones
Ceremonies Advisor	Steve Owens
North Chapter Chief	
North Chapter Advisor	Mark Barrett
South Chapter Chief	Alex Paulk
South Chapter Advisor	David Workman

Immokalee Lodge Chiefs and Lodge Advisors

Year	Lodge Chief	Lodge Advisor
2009	Andrew Horne	Sam Thompson
2008	Andrew Horne (finished year)	Sam Thompson
	Beau Carroll (started year)	
2007	Devin Hutchinson	Sam Thompson
2006	Patrick Johnson	Sam Thompson
2005	David Scott	Sam Thompson
2004	Jason Adams	Sam Thompson
	Jesse England (finished year)	
2003	Wade Crozier (started year)	Sam Thompson
	Wade Crozier (finished year)	
2002	Jason Adams (started year)	Sam Thompson
	Matt Hall	
2001	Matt Hall (finished year)	Sam Thompson
	Kevin Bacon (started year)	
2000	Cory Miller	Sam Thompson
1999	Warren Abernathy	Sam Thompson
1998	J. (Jim) R. Tolbert	Sam Thompson
1997	Eugene Walker	Joe Jackson
	J. R. Tolbert	
1996	Ron Engle	Joe Jackson
	Robert Rovick	
1995	Robert Rovick	Al Bell
	Mack Stephens	
1994	Ross Newberry	Ed Hart (Temp)
	Trey Causey	
1993	Trey Causey (finished year)	Barney Knighton
	Troy Golden (started year)	
1992	Troy Golden (finished year)	Lee Bates
	Larry Parr (started year)	
1991	Larry Parr (finished year)	Lee Bates
	Chet Lapeza (started year)	
1990	Chet Lapeza (finished year)	Harvey Causey
	Larry Parr (started year)	
1989	Larry Parr (finished year)	Harvey Causey
	Chet Lapeza (started year)	
1988	Chet Lapeza (finished year)	Brooks Lovelace, Jr.
	Ben Horton	
1987	Ben Horton	Brooks Lovelace, Jr.
	Steve Hutchinson	
1986	Steve Hutchinson	Brooks Lovelace
	Ken Greene	
1985	Ken Greene	Travis Smith
	<i>Unknown</i>	
1984	<i>Unknown</i>	Travis Smith

1983	Tommy Cline, Jr. (Fall 83 - Summer 84)	Dennis Holley
1982	John Wilkerson (Fall 82 - Summer 83)	Dennis Holley
1981	Richard Greene	Travis Smith
1980	Len Lencosky (Fall 80 - Summer 81)	Travis Smith
1979	<i>Unknown</i>	Travis Smith
1978	Jeff Carney	Wayne Woodward
1977	Frank L. Davis	Wayne Woodward
1976	Ben Andrews	Wayne Woodward
1975	Frank L. Davis	Forest DeLoach
1974	David Yaw	Forest DeLoach
1973	Rick Swartzell	Forest DeLoach
1972	Tom Seegmueller	Forest DeLoach
1971	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1970	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1969	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1968	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1967	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1966	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1965	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1964	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1963	Wayne Woodward	Ed Gnehm, Sr. & Joe Abernathy
1962	James Parker	Ed Gnehm, Sr. & Joe Abernathy
1961	Bob Wallace	<i>Unknown</i>
1960	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1959	M. T. Clements	Joe Abernathy
1958	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1957	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1956	Estol Belflower	<i>Unknown</i>
1955	Estol Belflower	<i>Unknown</i>
1954	Estol Belflower	<i>Unknown</i>
1953	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1952	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1951	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1950	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>

1949	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1948	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1947	Luther Wood, Jr.	<i>Unknown</i>
1946	Luther Wood, Jr.	<i>Unknown</i>
1945	Luther Wood, Jr.	<i>Unknown</i>

Immokalee Lodge Sections/Areas and Conclaves

Year	Section / Area	Host Lodge Location
2009	S4	Timuquan Lodge 340 Sand Hill S. R.
2008	SR-4N	Alapaha Lodge 545 Camp Patton
2007	SR-4N	Pilthlako Lodge 229 Camp Tolochee
2006	SR-4N	Woa Cholena 322 Camp Maubila
2005	SR-4N	Alibamu 179 Camp Tukabatchee
2004	SR-4N	Cowikee 224 Camp Alaflo
2003	SR-4N	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn
2002	SR-4N	Alibamu 179 Camp Tukabatchee
2001	S-4	Timuquan 340 Sand Hill S. R.
2000	S-4	Echokotee 200 Camp Shands
1999	SR-4	Osceola 564 Camp Miles
1998	S4	Tipisa 326 Camp La-No-Che
1997	S4	Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Camp Tanah Keeta
1996	S4	O-Shot-Caw 265 Camp Seminole
1995	S4	Seminole 85 Flaming Arrow S. R.
1994	S4	Semialachee 239 S. R. Echokotee 200
1993	S4	Camp Shands Immokalee 353
1992	SE-4	Camp Osborn Alapaha 545
1991	SE-4	Moody A.F.B., Valdosta, Ga.
1990	SE-4	Echeconnee 358 Camp Benjamin Hawkins
1989	SE-4	Waguli 318 Berry College Campus

1988	SE-4	Mowogo 243 Camp Rainey Mountain
1987	SE-4	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1986	SE-4	Wehadkee 273 Camp Calvin
1985	SE-4	Pilthlako 229 Jekyll Island
1984	SE-4	Chattahoochee 204 Chattahoochee S. R.
1983	SE-4	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn
1982	Area 5	Alapaha 545 Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA
1981	Area 5	Wehadkee 273 Camp Pine Mountain
1980	Area 5	Echeconnee 358 Camp Benjamin Hawkins
1979	Area 5	Bob White 87 Camp Linwood Hayne
1978	Area 5	Mowogo 243 Rainey Mountain S. R.
1977	Area 5	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew
1976	Area 5	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1975	Area 5	Chattahoochee 204 Fort Benning Army Base
1974	Area 5	Echeconnee 358 Camp Benjamin Hawkins
1973	Area 5	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1972	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie
1971	6D	Ini-to 324 Camp Thunder
1970	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1969	6D	
1968	6D	Semialachee 239 Wallwood S. R.
1967	6D	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn
1966	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie
1965	6D	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew

1964	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1963	6D	Semialachee #239 Camp Silver Lake
1962	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1961	6D	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn
1960	6D	Waguli 318 Camp Sidney Dew
1959	6D	Ini-to 324 Camp Thunder
1958	6D	Chattahoochee 204 Camp McKenzie
1957	6D	Egwa Tawa Dee 129 Camp Bert Adams
1956	6D	Immokalee 353 Camp Osborn
1955	6D	Semialachee 239 Waguli 318
1954	6D	Camp Sidney Dew Chattahoochee 204
1953	6D	Camp McKenzie Tomo-Chi-Chi 119
1952	6C	Camp Strachan Egwa Tawa Dee 129
1951	6C	Camp Bert Adams Waguli 318
1950	6C	Camp Sidney Dew Calusa 219
1949	Area J	Camp Flying Eagle, Bradenton
1948	Area J	
1947	Area J	Echockotee 200 Camp Echockotee
1946	Area J	Echockotee 200 Camp Echockotee
1945	Area J	Echockotee 200 Camp Echockotee