



# Sounds of the Section

## Section Conference 2018

Section Conference 2018 will be one for the ages. Osceola Lodge has been working hard to bring you the amazing experience that a Section S-4 conference should always be. This year, conference will be held at Camp Miles in Punta Gorda on April 13-15, 2018.

This year, the Section Officer Team and Host Lodge have been working together to create a Section Conference for the record books. With competitions, trainings, games, and powwows, every arrowman will have something to enjoy.

If you have any questions, talk to your lodge leadership! Be on the lookout for more promotional materials and information as we approach this exciting event!

Brothers, we are ready!

Charles Coffey

2018 Section Conference Host Chairman



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## Section Leadership Summit 2017 Recap



November 2017, lodge leaders and advisers from across the section came together and shared with each other what they do best. Saturday morning they attended a selection of 36 classes covering almost every aspect of the Order, taught by the best from throughout the State. Lodge chiefs were taught about sustaining lodges, advisers discussed advising over coffee, Ceremonialists were taught by a selection of national guests, and will be filmed to teach the NOAC adjudicators what to look for. That was just a sampling of the training offered, there was truly something for everyone. Following a morning of training, the attendees were treated to an afternoon of activities. Some of the best activities were slip and slide, dodge ball, an obstacle course, and Frisbee

golf. Saturday ended with our annual patch auction, an instructional pow wow, and an evening of games, music, and custom pizzas. The only thing the event was missing was you!

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Thomas Driscoll

Section Vice Chief

# Tipisa Native American Weekend 2018

Dear Brothers,

We are thrilled that within a couple of months, TNAW will be here! The ball is starting to roll, and February can't get here soon enough! If you haven't heard before, TNAW is going to be an actioned packed weekend that's full of excitement for the whole family to enjoy!

We are proud to announce that we have an amazing line up of demonstrations that will be taught by world class craftsman and other highly trained artisans. On top of all the extraordinary demonstrations, we also will be offering informative classes with a wide range of Native American topics and activities. Some of the classes will be about Native American drumming, singing, bead work, and many other crafts that you can take home with you as keepsakes from your weekend.

Multiple weapon ranges will also be open for the weekend; so make sure you shoot your way over to the range and test your accuracy skills with Native American weapons, and even those from modern day times at the Shooting Sports ranges! A variety of vendors and other merchants will also be attending the weekend. Selling all sorts of fantastic and neat items from the Native American and Pioneer era. Make sure you stop by the shops before everything is gone!

Saturday night there will be a PowWow filled with some of the nation's best performers! Native American singing, drumming, and dancing will fill the air with the spirit of celebration as we start to end the day time activities. Top performers from all over the region and country will be there to make your experience at TNAW one of a kind. You won't want to miss it!

The 2018 Tipisa Native American Weekend is going to be held at Camp La-No-Che on February 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>, and registration for the event will be live by the end of November, but remember that spots fill up quick! So be sure to sign up for our great weekend, because you aren't going to want to stay home. Instead, come have a blast with us, and make Camp La-No-Che your home for the weekend with all of us in the TNAW Family!

Yours in Service,

Adam Lucier

2018 TNAW Chairman



## Section Officer Seminars Recap

Section Officer Seminars was a great success that showed much promise to many young arrowmen that are getting involved in their home section's. For those of you who don't know, there is a small gathering called the Section officer Seminars, or SOS, that gathers all of the Section Officers from their perspective region's and meet to talk about yearly OA statistics as well as share ideas on how to improve attendance, fun, etc. As a first time Section Officer, "I had so much more fun then I thought I would have, going in" says Section S-4 Secretary Adrian Aponte.

This was a big weekend for Section S-4 as we somewhat hosted this event at our very own Sea Base. It was as if we were inviting people into our home. Throughout the weekend we even had some fun and explored around the Keys. The highlight of the weekend was visiting the famous Truman White House after closing hours. Overall, SOS was a huge success and we couldn't have asked for a better turnout.

## OA High Adventure Scholarship

The Order of the Arrow in the Boy Scouts of America, in its focus on service, contains five different high adventure programs at the national level that focus on conservation. These programs occur at the four national high adventure bases that the Boy Scouts own. They are only open to youth aged 14 to 20, with specific ages varying by program, and are available at a substantially lower price than other programs at the base. They each include a period of service and a trek period during which the participants get to plan their own routes and experience the best of the bases.

Seeking to give more Arrowmen the opportunity to participate in these high adventure programs, Section S-4 established a one-per-lodge scholarship for Arrowmen with financial need to attend these programs. The scholarship is still available for any Arrowman seeking to attend an OAHA trek.

## National Corner

The Nation Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the OA's biggest fellowship happening only once every 4 years. NOAC 2018 will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN from July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is an amazing experience for a large variety of arrow men ranging from patch traders to ceremony team competitors to people who just want to hang out with their friends. The stadium shows are also a huge reason to go to NOAC. These shows feature music, tons of skits, and many other fun activities with your fellow brothers. For any thread heads, this is your opportunity to trade for some cool patches from around the country. Many lodges make patch sets specifically for NOAC to trade away often having awesome themes like Guardians of the Galaxy. Anyone dedicated to Native American culture can get a chance to compete for best ceremonialist, dancer, or drum team. All the while, you will be sleeping in college dorm rooms hanging out on a college campus getting the chance to live the freedom of college life for a week.

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Lukas Brown



## My Experience, An OAHA Story

I won't forget the day I left to go to Philmont. It was 3am and started pouring rain. My dad was the one taking me to the airport where I would be traveling for a whole day just to reach Cimarron, NM. 4 Hour Plane Ride to Dallas, 2 Hour Plane ride to Albuquerque, then a 4 hour bus ride to Cimarron. It was around 3pm by the time I got on Philmont Property. The first day, a little two mile hike getting out of base camp hiking into the base of The Tooth of Time. Just seeing it made me excited for what I was about to experience for the next two weeks. Since I grew up in Miami I never in my life saw any mountains so waking up everyday to a different one off in the distance was super exciting. The Second day came and left, it was a hiking day but just a 4-6 miler which started with a ride to our drop off point from the Philmont Chaplin's. For men of God, they sure drive fast knowing that one false move can send us to a 50ft plunge. At the drop off we hiked to the base of Mt. Phillips the trail that the OATC Program have been working on the last 4 summers. We were the first crew to set up camp 10,000ft above sea level at the work site. Surprisingly enough we were also the only participants in the Backcountry around that time so each time we saw a staff members early in the work week they were shocked to even see us there. What I remember most about the work week is Safety, Messing around with one of the more Serious Forman, and going up and down of that Tarik at least 6 times (mind you the trail was about two miles at that point). We would go down for water, food, tools things that basically wouldn't be brought up to us. I do miss the 40 degree weather on Phillips, at one point we thought the world was ending cause there was a bright red moon on one of the nights, but we later found out it was a lunar eclipse. Building trail was probably one of the most fun and most tiring experience I've done in my life. From having 15 mile days to taking care of my brothers feet we all pushed ourselves to our limit and broke that and made new ones almost everyday. We all had fun and there were no complaints in my crew. The day we reached the top of Baldy was probably the best day of my life. Already 10am and it was 42 degrees at the top. We were all tired but we made it! We kept the stoke high and now we were on top of the mountain that we saw far away in the distance 3 days ago!. Wish I could say my experience were to end there but it didn't. As soon as I got back into base camp I had my paperwork ready to work for the rest of the Summer at Philmont. An opportunity that was given to not only me but to 3 of my brothers that also came off the trail. The four of us were ready to see what was in store for us and trust me after you go to OATC nothing surprises you because we got asked by the National Chief to give a speech about OATC and high adventure at the National Lodge Advisor and Section Advisor Symposium at the PTC a day after we got off trail. OATC was a crazy experience sadly it was the only OAHA program I ever did but if you asked me if I were to do it all over again my response would be an immediate YES.

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Andres Gurrero

Brothers,

## Chief's Corner

I would like to start by thanking all Arrowmen who attended the 2017 Section Leadership Summit and by thanking Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee Lodge for hosting such a successful event. Hopefully, all in attendance will bring back what they learned to benefit their home lodges and chapters.

Looking ahead, we have Section Conference 2018, the largest gathering of Arrowmen in the state. This Section Conference will be an amazing, fun packed weekend and I am looking forward to considering it my most memorable Section Conference yet and that you may also. The Section and Host Lodge will be working together to promote this event and each individual lodge will have registration open before the new year, so no need to wait, register asap.

The 2018 summer will be here before you know it. Some things to remember, if you are interested in NO-AC, contact your Lodge Chief, but whether or not you will be attending NOAC, please consider Order of the Arrow High Adventure. If you do not know what this is, there will be an amazing opportunity to learn more about it during Section Conference 2018.

I wish you all a safe holiday season full of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

**WWW,**

Gregory Yentz  
Section S-4 Chief

## Adviser's Minute

Brothers of Section S-4,

Seven Lodge's - One Section/One Team – One Goal is a motto we as Section S4 Arrowman need as our OA foundation and must continually support. Simply defined as we are one group working for one cause – the betterment of the OA Program for all involved both youth and adult. The OA Program provides opportunities for every Arrowman to personally grow through obtaining knowledge, finding adventure, and to join in lasting fellowship with others. These available opportunities include Leadership Proficiencies, Technical Abilities in communication venues, Native American Skills in dance/drum/song/ceremonies, and High Adventure treks in some of the most beautiful settings in the world. It is up to you and up to us to find success for one's self and to cause success for all. We are One Section – One Team who will always thrive and positively progress in finding growth, adventure, and the pleasures of life.

**WWW,**

William Patterson  
Section S-4 Adviser

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