



Sounds of the Section

Section Leadership Summit

Section Leadership Summit (SLS), formerly known as Section Seminars is approaching! Last year's theme was "Back to Our Roots", where at campfire, we reflected back on everything we've achieved as a brotherhood in the past 100 years. This year's theme is "The Key to Success", and we will be looking forward and learning what the keys are to another successful century. SLS will be full of training stations that are sure to help scouts get a better idea of the Order of the Arrow, and give them an experience like no other! Our training stations include: Ceremonies team breakdown and evaluations, OA Trailblazers, Communications within the Lodge, Administration in the Lodge, OA Inductions, Program planning and execution, how to be an Aspiring Leader, styles of dance/drums and making the regalia, and AIA Crafts! Come join Section 4 in this year's Section Leadership Summit, hosted by Osceola Lodge 564 in Bradenton, Florida! We have outstanding shows, food, program, and training in store for you! See you there!

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Spencer Ford

2016 Summit Chair

Chief's Corner

I have had the opportunity this summer to speak with many arrowmen about why they love the Order of the Arrow. The majority of the Arrowmen that I spoke with said that the thing that kept them in the Order of the Arrow was the personal relationships that they had made with fellow Arrowmen. Whether it be at a Section Conference, National Leadership Seminars (NLS), OA High Adventure, or the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), they met people and made lasting friendships through the strong bonds of Brotherhood that all Arrowmen feel. I myself have experienced this through such events and encourage all Arrowmen, young and old, to meet new people whenever possible, because it is these bonds of brotherhood that make the Order of the Arrow so valuable. There are so many opportunities out there to experience the true meanings of Brotherhood that should not be overlooked. Section S4 and many of the lodges in the section offer scholarships for young Arrowmen to attend these national, regional, and section events and sadly they are often not fully applied for. So I urge all Arrowmen of Section S4 to look at the opportunities that are available to you and to truly consider taking the challenge of meeting new people and learning something new about the true meaning of Brotherhood.

Yours in Service,

Gregory Yentz

2016-2017 Section S4 Chief

Making of a Lodge

Recently two lodges in our Section became one. Seminole and Timuquan Lodges merged to form **Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee Lodge 89**, which is Seminole for Lightning town. They have selected a new totem, the Bull.

Read on the next page for more information of the making of a lodge.

They will be hosting the Section Conference in 2017!



Making a lodge

On May 1st, 2016, West Central Florida and Gulf Ridge Council officially merged as the brand new Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. This was a very frightening and exciting time for all of us, but for the OA specifically, national has rules that applied. Every council is only to have one lodge chartered to it a year. We knew right then that we had work to do, whether we liked it or not. So at Section Conference 2016 at Camp Elmore, Seminole and Timuquan Lodge met to discuss what process we were to use thence forth. We came to a general consensus that a Transition Committee, a committee comprised of the Lodge Executive boards from both lodges with 12 total youth and two adults, was the best method of procedure to use. After months of working tirelessly with our co-officers, meeting after meeting and phone call after phone call, we successfully came up with a steady game plan for the upcoming year. August 12th, the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council Lodge was officially formed. At the time we were still without a name and totem, but it this was our opportunity to finalize them. We did a series of reviews on both lodges' strengths and weaknesses. In turn, we came to some impressive conclusions on the methods we would implement. We officially started development on our new lodge flap as well with our totem.

National Corner

NEXT

OA Next occurred on July 30th - August 3rd at the upcoming NOAC

location of Indiana University. The national program called for five members of each lodge to converge in one location for a unique type of training. This is where key programs were introduced for the near future. Ideas and concepts such as "Leader X", "LINK", and "#ChooseOA" to name a few. The environment created allowed for lodges from across the country to converse and speak of their best practices and then bring this information back to their respective lodges and implement it within their own program. Aside from learning how other lodges operate participants also learned of the current state of the OA and vital statistics of JTE over the whole country to give lodges something to base their performance off of. Overall, Next provided a place for people to notice the good and bad within their lodge and how to identify their pain points and the possible approaches to solve these points to better the experience within their lodge.

Operation Arrow continues a 50+ year OA legacy by providing service to the 2017 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Over 750 youth Arrowmen will support the jamboree program by joining one of three OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village. In the interest of helping all Arrowmen understand in detail what each program area offers, provided below are talking points on the three main program areas for Operation Arrow.

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Ask Victor Vigil

Dear Victor Vigil,

I am new to the OA, and hear the term OA High Adventure often. What is OA High Adventure and is it any different that regular High Adventure?

Thank You,
High Adventure Hank

Hey High Adventure Hank, OA High Adventure refers to special programs at each of the 4 National High Adventure Bases(Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and the Summit) that are designed specifically for members of the Order of the Arrow. Each of these programs is designed to foster a spirit of adventure while challenging members both mentally and physically and enhancing their leadership abilities and understanding of the principles of the Order of the Arrow.

At the 4 bases there are 5 programs, OA Trail Crew program at Philmont, OA Wilderness Voyage and OA Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier, OA Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base and OA Summit Experience at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Each program involves a Service portion and an adventure portion, since OA participants give such lasting service during each program they are able to attend these programs at a greatly reduced price compared to normal treks at each base. OA participants also return home with a renewed sense of purpose in the Order of the Arrow as well as many new friends from around the country.

For more information about OA High Adventure or to sign up for a 2017 program visit <http://adventure.oebsa.org/> today!

WWW,

Victor Vigil

If You have questions for Victor, Email them to

VictorVigil@SectionsS4.org

2016 Conference

On behalf of Section S-4 and O-Shot-Caw Lodge, I would like to thank you for attending the 2016 Section Conference on April 8-10, 2016 at Camp Elmore in Davie, FL.

I would like to personally thank all Arrowmen who helped put on this amazing event and would also like to congratulate the newly elected Section Leadership.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

William McKinley
2016 Conference Chairman

Get ya self some Section Swag! All of these items plus MORE will be available for sale at SLS. After SLS all of the items will be available for sale online at this link SectionS4.org/section-store



Section Officer Visits

Want any of the Section Officers to come visit one of your lodge, or chapter events? Talk to your lodge chief, or next event chairman and have them email Sections4@Sections4.org, and just like that a Section Officer will be at your event.



Section Officers, also do trainings, service projects, make great crème pie targets, give some awesome speeches, or even help as brotherhood counselors!

Advisers Minute

2016 Vol. II

Brothers of Section S-4,

Hello and welcome to back to your Sounds of the Section.

Section S-4 wants to start off by welcoming Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee Lodge, a new name given to two old and successful Lodges, Seminole and Timuquan, which will be moving into the next 100 years together as one. Congratulations!

SLS is coming up fast and will be hosted by Osceola lodge,, at Camp Flying Eagle and held on November 4-6th. They have been working very diligently to give you the best SLS possible. We, Section S-4, are looking forward to seeing everyone there and setting a record turnout of at least 350 Arrowmen, so don't miss out on this amazing event! It will be the largest gathering of our Section since Section Conference 2016 earlier this year at Camp Elmore.

This is a very busy this time of year with Back to School, Re-Chartering, Re-acquainting with good friends we missed over the Summer, getting back to full time Scouting and getting ready to go to our Section Leadership Seminars. Be sure to check out the leadership programs available around the Southern Region like NLS, NLATs, our SLS and our own Section Conference in April 2017.

Your Section-4 Officers led by Chief Gregory Yentz are doing a great job this year with their duties and I want to thank them for leading S-4 in a good direction. Let them know if you have any questions or if you want to volunteer your services. We have AIA and Ceremonial committees that are looking for youth to take on aspects of those two programs. Give them a call or text and see what is available.

Remember that we are all an important part of S-4, even though you belong to a Lodge, S-4 belongs to you, so, let's make the most of what we have. Get involved, make a difference because, you, make a difference.

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Section Leadership Summit



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