



Summer 2017

Sounds of the Section

NLS & DYLC 2017

Two of the best leadership experiences in the Order of the Arrow come to Florida on September 8-10th at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, FL.

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and characteristics of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the OA's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to Scouting and the greater community. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 14 years of age, and completion of the LLD program is recommended, but not mandatory. Adults with key roles in lodge leadership are encouraged to attend in order to better understand their role as advisers to youth leadership after studying the leadership skills presented.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference is a brand-new weekend training course for adult Arrowmen who are 21 years of age and above. Participants will learn ways to help youth leaders solve problems and analyze situations as well as the tools and personal skills that are essential for the development of effective youth leadership. DYLC is sure to help every adult arrowman become a more effective adviser.

Visit southern.oa-bsa.org for more information!



Section Leadership Summit 2017

This November 3-5th at the Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation will be the 4th annual Section Leadership Summit! It is designed for current and aspiring Lodge Officers, Chapter Officers, and Committee Chairs, but has something for all arrowmen.

This event will be a change from previous Section trainings, as it also offers fun events throughout the weekend. Friday night will start off with everything from Giant Jenga to free climb on the camp's Climbing and Rappelling Towers. Saturday will begin with the Tough Arrow Obstacle Course, featuring the training sessions, open ranges, fishing, and both waterfronts. Saturday will conclude with a closing activity you will have to see to believe, and of course the annual patch auction. Sunday morning will offer a polar bear plunge, in addition to the chapel service.

Of course, the famous Flaming Arrow food crew will be there to feed the several hundred arrowmen gathered in Lake Wales. Check with your lodge on how to register for this exiting event!

See you at Flame,

Thomas Driscoll

Section Vice Chief / SLS Program Chair



SLS Patch Auction

Don't forget about our annual patch auction at the Section Leadership Summit! Each lodge is requested to provide ten patches or even patch sets. The patches will all be auctioned off Saturday night. As always, all of the proceeds will help finance Order of the Arrow High Adventure scholarships, so arrowmen can have the opportunity to attend an unforgettable experience!



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OAHA Ocean Adventure

Written by: Michael Brignola

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure has just finished its first season in the Dry Tortugas National Park. This new program provided arrowmen with a unique opportunity to partner and volunteer for the National Park Service. Our program's service is focused on preserving a pre-civil war fort, Fort Jefferson, and its surrounding incredible marine environment. The twelve OA crews have worked to build and restore a hiking trail on the top of the fort, rebuilt campsites, fixed boating docks, and provided countless other service experiences.

Some of the highlights of this summer's program included: snorkeling the reefs of the submerged fortress walls and dock ruins, fishing some of the best waters in America, open ocean kayaking, diving the remote reefs of Loggerhead Key, exploring a 260 foot, 110-year-old ship wreck, and witnessing an incredible array of wildlife. Our work has greatly improved a National Park with limited resources in just three months, and all those who experience the grandeur of this marine environment.

NOAC 2018

The 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference is less than a year away! This NOAC will be like no other as it marks the first conference in the second century of our Order's existence. After attending the 2015 NOAC, I don't think I've experienced a better week of excitement, brotherhood, and high quality programs anywhere else. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is like a National Jamboree, but it's hosted on a college campus and participants live in the dorms. This unique event gives Arrowmen an opportunity to meet fellow brothers from across the Nation, trade patches, participate in a wide variety of thrilling activities, meet your National OA Officers, and enjoy top-notch evening shows. If you want to experience the Order of the Arrow in a whole new way, then I hope to see you at Indiana University July 30 – August 4th, 2018 for the National Order of the Arrow Conference!

WWW,

Wyatt Engelmann

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National Corner

Summer 2017

July 19th 2017, thirty thousand scouts and scouters from around the nation descended onto the Summit Bechtel Reserve spread out by over 600 buses to begin the National Scout Jamboree. They were joined by almost six thousand staff members, and contingents from 19 other countries. The Order of the Arrow hosted its largest staff ever with over 650 arrowmen from around the country joining forces for Operation Arrow. Some of the Key Leadership for this staff came from right here in S-4!

The Order of the Arrow staff provided program to twelve thousand scouts a day, through the Day of Service and Indian Village programs. Messengers of Peace Day of Service sent six thousand scouts a day, across 10 counties in West Virginia and provided a total of **140,000** service hours. The Indian Village located on top of Garden Ground Mountain, provided a fantastic American Indian experience put on by the Order of the Arrow. Six thousand scouts were led on a hike to “the summit of the Summit” by a dedicated team of OA Trek Guides.

The event marked the 60th anniversary of the Jamboree and the 2nd at the Summit. The shows featured Bands such as the X Ambassadors (Renegades), Jessie Chris, and Grammy nominated band The Plain White T's (Hey There Delilah). Speakers at our shows were the motivational Inky Johnson, Eagle Scout and TV Host Creek Stewart, and the 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump.

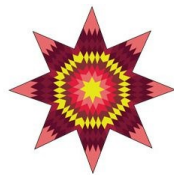
The Section officers and advisers would like to thank all the staff and participants for enabling an amazing Jamboree come to fruition.

WWW,
Thomas Driscoll
Section S4 Vice Chief



Wachipi Success!

Wachipi was a great success! Participants had the opportunity to learn from experts around the country about the different styles of American Indian dancing and singing. They got to participate in American Indian craft workshops such as beadwork and leather working. Participants also completed classes on proper ceremony team attire, and enjoyed fantastic powwows. Guests also had the amazing opportunity to be a part of the painting of an American Indian tipi. Wachipi provided a better understanding of the role that American Indian Activities fill in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. During the week recreation opportunities were also at hand for guests to explore the beautiful Philmont Scout Ranch.



WACHIPI

OA National Service Grant

Since 1999, the national Order of the Arrow committee has annually selected lodges from each region to receive matching service grants. Matching grant money is given to lodges for camp or service center projects in their local council. The OA will provide up to one-half of the money for a service project, with a \$5,000 maximum amount granted for any lodge project. This grant supports the main purpose of the Order of the Arrow, “To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.” To apply for the OA Service Grant, your lodge must submit the application to the national office by October 31st.

Visit www.oa-bsa.org for more information!

Brothers,

I hope you have all had an amazing summer break and if you were fortunate enough to fill it with scouting, that those memories will last a lifetime.

The section leadership team is hard at work to make this upcoming year a success for you, the arrowmen. With emphasis on worthwhile program at SLS, increased youth representation in section leadership, and a jumpstart on conference planning to make it the best conference yet, this year is looking to be one to go into the record books, but we need your help to make it a reality.

This year, I would like to focus on Brotherhood, the first of the three cornerstone principles of our Order. Brotherhood is the main reason many of us stay in scouting; it is the relationships and bonds of friendship that keep you coming back to events. Brotherhood is also something that will follow you after phasing out of the scouting program, after you go off to college and into the workplace, but it is in the Order of the Arrow that one can truly develop Brotherhood as an integral aspect of their life. This year, especially at SLS and Section Conference, but also at lodge, chapter, and unit events, make it a conscious effort to meet a new person and to learn something new about someone else. Personally, this is my favorite feature of section, region, and national events; the opportunity to meet people, with similar interests, from around the nation is something that the Order of the Arrow offers like no other national organization.

My challenge to Section S-4 this year is to meet new people, to make new connections, and above all, to learn what Brotherhood really means in this great national organization, the Order of the Arrow. Brothers, are you ready to take my challenge?

WWW,

Gregory Yentz
Section S-4 Chief

Adviser's Minute

Brothers of Section S-4,

Summer is almost over, summer camps are done, vacations have come and gone, and the National Jamboree is in the past. It's time, right now, for us to again be in full swing regarding Scouting. We have important dates coming up in the near future, NLS/DYLC in September and SLS in November both being events that our youth and adult membership should attend. More importantly than what is already planned and ready to be executed, is that we as Section S-4 need to grow and continually better our OA program for every Arrowman. We as 7 Lodges have the combined knowledge and experience to lead our Order of the Arrow program to never before reached heights of success. We can provide the finest training offered anywhere, the most active programming available, and the utmost fun for everyone involved. We will reach these goals only if we act as one, in unity, with one vision causing strengths and abilities never imagined but now empowered by our masses. I sincerely look forward to our successes as a team of youth and adults acting as one and thriving as one.

WWW,

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