



Sounds of the Section

WE DECIDED OUR DESTINY



The 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference has come and gone; if you weren't able to attend, we sure missed you! This conference was like none other. The 2018 NOAC marks the first ever held in the second century of our Order's existence. There is no better week of excitement, brotherhood, and high quality programs anywhere else. This unique event gave Arrowmen an opportunity to meet fellow brothers from across the Nation, trade patches, participate in a wide variety of thrilling activities, take interesting classes, meet their National OA Officers, enjoy unbelievable evening shows, and most of all, SEEK! The events experienced at Indiana University during July 30 – August 4th were something that you could encounter nowhere else.

Every lodge in our section did an outstanding job of representing S-4 at the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference! Our section is proud of the many awards its seven lodges received while participating in national competitions!

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge had four arrowmen compete in the AIA individual dance styles. All four of the dancers were awarded ribbons and three out of the four dancers made top ten in the nation. They also placed second in the nation in Jeopardy.

Echockotee Lodge participated in AIA/ICE national evaluations and was awarded in every competition. Members received awards in both Northern and Southern Traditional Dance and one dancer was selected as a top 20 dancer in the nation.

Osceola Lodge dancers were awarded ribbons in AIA competitions.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge was a national champion in Powwow Exhibition Group Dance and Flag Football. Their ceremonies team was honored with the Exemplar status for the Pre-Ordeal Honor Ceremony. Additionally, they received an honorable mention for their work in the Southern Singing competition.

Semialachee Lodge was selected as an honor lodge for the ceremonialist presenting the Vigil Honor Ceremony.

Tipisa Lodge produced a national champion for both the 50m and 100m run in his category. Their adult basketball team ranked third in the nation. Additionally, a dancer competed and won 2nd place for the Grass Dance nationally.

Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee Lodge's ceremonies team was honored with the Exemplar status for the Brotherhood Ceremony.

Section S-4 is proud of every lodge in the section for stepping up, participating, and achieving at NOAC this year.

Hope to see you all at Michigan State University for NOAC 2020!



The Adventure of A Lifetime

Summer 2018

Summer is not the season to stop being involved in the OA, but, rather, to experience a new opportunity of what this program has to offer. Arrowmen can do so at every National High Adventure Base through a program called OAHA. Seven adventurous individuals from our section experienced the Great American Outdoors through this program in 2018. Below are stories from arrowmen that participated in the OA Ocean Adventure program.

Though I've lived in Florida my entire life, and spent significant time in the Keys, the time I spent at Dry Tortugas (DT) National Park through OAOA is like nothing else I have ever experienced. After meeting your Foreman and crew at Camp Sawyer on day one, an instant bond forms and you become a team; we started making inside jokes that served as quality entertainment for the rest of the trip. On the second day, I traveled the 70 miles to the DT by catching a ride on a boat named the Yankee Freedom. This boat from Key West served as my single connection to the outside world for the remainder of the trip. Once my eyes set on the DT fort for the first time, any thought of homesickness was banished; I knew I was somewhere special. In order to have the best possible time ever, I'll give you some recommendations for YOUR upcoming trip. I recommend:

-bringing a waterproof camera (There's unique stuff above and below the water!)

-bringing and USING a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, lots of sunscreen, and a long-sleeve sunshirt (Some of the out-of-staters really struggled in Florida's summer sun.)

-walking Fort Jefferson every day (You'll see something new every time you do!)

-kayaking, snorkeling, and swimming as much as you can (The water around DT is some of the clearest I've ever seen!)

-fishing whenever possible (There's a vast array of sea life in the water around DT that any level of fisherman can catch)

-watching the sunset from the swimming beach (For those of us from the East Coast the sun doesn't just rise over the horizon)

-having tons of fun-It was one of the most exciting scout trips I've ever been on!

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure trip is perfect for anyone ages 16 to 21 in the OA! It's a great place to meet scouts from all over the country and to provide service to one of the most unique National Parks! If you have any questions, ask anyone who has gone through OAOA; they'd love to talk to you about this once in a lifetime trip.

Eric Kastelic

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge



This summer, I had the opportunity to be a foreman at the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program at the Florida Sea Base. This 9-day program provided participants with the once-in-a-lifetime experience of giving service to Fort Jefferson, located at Dry Tortugas National Park; this civil war fort is located 70 miles west of Key West in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico. When not providing service, participants would snorkel around the parks reefs (some of the least snorkeled reefs in the Florida keys), kayak out to sand flats and seagrass beds, and fish for some of the biggest fish in the Florida straights. A few crews even had the special opportunity to assist the USGS in sea turtle research at night. Even for those of us who grew up in Florida, this eye-opening program is something special.

Check out the High Adventure Village at Section Conference 2019 for even more info about this great program.

Gregory Yentz

2018 OAOA Foreman

OA Training Opportunities

NLS 2018

The National Leadership Seminar season is fast approaching. The NLS is an important program that teaches arrowmen of all ages the skills and characteristics of leadership. It's purpose is to further the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's youth and adult members, as they seek to further their service to the BSA and OA as a whole.

All Lodge officers, key youth lodge committee chairs, and up-and-coming lodge youth leadership are encouraged to attend this spectacular event. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 14 years old, and have completed the LLD program; this is not a requirement.



For more Information and a roster of future events, visit:
<http://southern.oe-bsa.org>

SLS 2018



On November 9th-11th, Echocotee Lodge will be hosting Section S-4's annual Section Leadership Summit at Camp Shands in Melrose, FL. Attendees will experience the annual event designed to increase their leadership skills and enjoy unique activities. Back at Shands, this SLS's evening shows will feature EchoShows, a creative delve into the activities of each day! This event will also feature a Pow-wow. Of course, the event will also feature the essential patch auction. Make sure to bring your money for these cool treasures!

In 2018, Section S-4's SLS will host the first ever Arrowman Summit for every youth. Here, every question that YOU have will be answered in a variety of different formats. Leaders are created through the open sharing of everyone's best practices.

See you at SLS,

Ford Setzer

SLS 2018 Chairman

Adviser's Minute

Brothers of Section S-4,

School is back in session, fall recruitments are in progress, OA unit elections are underway, and Lodge fellowship events are beginning to take place. It's the beginning of another great Scouting year. Lodges will be gaining countless new Arrowmen in the near future, many of whom will wish to utilize the numerous features of the OA program to add to their Scouting adventure. Sooner than we can imagine, they will be our Lodge and Section Leadership. Please give a heartfelt welcome to every new member joining the Order. On the Section level, SLS is just around the corner; planning and development is being finalized for this event, an event meant for every Arrowman to grow in their OA knowledge and abilities, while having a great fellowship and lots of fun. Please stress the importance to your Lodge's LEC that their presence is paramount. You should also provide a warm invitation to every new Arrowman so they can come and create our future and theirs, through developing leadership. Have a great fall season with many adventures!

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William Patterson
 Section S-4 Adviser

Chief's Corner

Arrowmen,

It was great to see many of you at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. I hope that those of you who attended NOAC 2018 had an incredible experience! Now that NOAC is behind us, it is time for us to look ahead to the 2018 - 2019 year.

Many Lodges in our Section have recently held a Lodge event this past month and other Lodges in our Section have Lodge events coming up in the near future. I have had the pleasure to visit several Lodges in our Section. At each Lodge event that I have attended, I have had the opportunity to see each Lodge's best practices first hand. I have had a great time meeting arrowmen from every Lodge and seeing the Section S-4 Lodge leadership in action. Thank you to the many arrowmen who plan and develop fantastic events in your home lodges.

Our Section's annual training event Section Leadership Summit (SLS) is just around the corner. While SLS is open to all arrowmen in Sections S-4, the focus of this event is to train the current Lodge leaders. For example: Lodge Officers, Committee Chairman, Chapter Officers, and arrowmen involved in ICE or AIA. This year's SLS will feature new and revamped trainings taught by the most knowledgeable and experienced arrowmen from around the Section. SLS will also feature a brand new program called the Arrowman Summit. SLS will also feature numerous fun and exciting activities. You don't want to miss it!

It is important for us to remember that we are 7 Lodges, 1 Section, 1 Team, with 1 Goal! Section Leadership Summit is a great opportunity for the Lodge leadership from every Lodge to come together and learn from one another. I look forward to seeing you at SLS.

Yours In Brotherhood,

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