

Sounds of the Section

“You Must Be Prepared, Completely...”



Coming to Fruitland Park, Florida, is the newest edition of a training offered by the Order of the Arrow. The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and characteristics of leadership. NLS also seeks to extend the training offered at the local lodge (LLD) level and create a uniform education on leadership and service for all attendees. It is primarily intended to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow’s key youth and adult members, as they seek to further their service to the Boy Scouts of America and their greater community.



Lodge officers, key youth lodge committee chairs, and up-and-coming lodge youth leadership are heavily encouraged to attend. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 14 years of age, and completion of the LLD program is recommended, but this is not mandatory. In addition, selected adults with key roles in lodge leadership are encouraged to attend, as they will better understand their role as advisers to youth leadership after studying the leadership skills presented.

Offered March 1-3, 2019, it will be the first year this program has come to Florida since 2015, as the last Floridian session was cancelled due to the impact of Hurricane Irma. Attending this program will be key section leaders, as well as newly-elected national officers including the new Southern Region Chief, Sid Salazar.

Also hosted this weekend, the Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC) will seek to deepen an adviser’s capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback that leads to changes in youth behavior and creating a life-long coaching/mentoring relationship. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully coach youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar.



The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will move us beyond lodge mechanics and operations to establishing a lodge and chapter culture that grows youth who are capable of establishing goals, building teams, and guiding the lodge’s work to achieve Journey to Excellence.



For more information on registration and a roster of additional events, visit: <http://southern.oa-bsa.org>

For questions, please contact Anthony Johnson, Southern Region Registrar, at southern.region@registration.oa-bsa.org

Section Showcase

Section Conference

2019 is here, and we are now that much closer to SECTION CONFERENCE!

Section Conference 2019 is going to be hosted at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation on April 12-14, 2019. The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has been working hard to prepare for you, and the hundreds of other Arrowmen planning on attending the largest party of the year.

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is set on going above and beyond on the promise of a great Conference. You can expect a classic Conference experience - competitions, trainings, great food... But you can also expect some great program such as the S-4 Sharpshooter Contest, Ninja Warrior Course, Trapper Nelson River Boat Cruise, and much more!

In the meantime, Conference merchandise pre-orders are LIVE on aalpatah.org/conference-shop/ The only way to guarantee you get these sweet patches, shirts, and more is to pre-order ahead of time!

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at Section Conference!

Robert Ulrich

Conference Host Chairman

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237



Questions? - Contact us at section-2019@aalpatah.org

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Section Summit

SLS was an incredible weekend of service, fellowship, and fun. With over 200 arrowmen in attendance, participants had a great time engaging in outstanding training and activities. Participants were able to experience the Adviser Summit and the first-ever Arrowman Summit. At these trainings, youth participants were split into smaller groups and each of the Section Officers were able to deliver a training specifically tailored to those youth. The event chair, Ford Setzer, also ensured an array of activities, including the long-famous EchoShows, sports and games, as well as an experienced drum circle and dance teams. If you have never been to SLS weekend or have been coming for years, its essential to make it back; this weekend has something for every Arrowmen in the OA.

Thank you to all who came out and to EchoKotee Lodge for being a gracious host.

Every attendee went ALL IN!



Finding Your Next Adventure

As students gear back up for school in the spring, it is easy to yearn for the long and fun-filled days of summer. Across the nation, camping, canoeing, hiking, sailing, and so much more awaits the arrowmen in the Order of the Arrow this next June, July, and August. Read on for an exploration of all that can be accomplished through the OA.

OA Hackathon

Returning in June of 2019, this signature technology event looks to the future of problem-solving, for scouts and Scouting alike. This weeklong event will be hosted in central Illinois and will feature a program designed for all arrowmen. Three tracks will be hosted at this event, “Novice,”

“Intermediate,” and “Advanced.” Each track will work to first hone and then develop skills and utilize them in a traditional hackathon event. Participants will be given 24 hours to solve a real-world issue currently faced by the Order of the Arrow. The event will be held from June 26-30, 2019 at the University of Illinois at the Urbana-Champaign campus. Go to oa-bsa.org to learn more!



**2019 OA
Hackathon**

Spring Break in Paradise

A pilgrimage to Philmont is often considered an essential part of your journey in Scouting; the service provided there is also highly valued by participants who attend. This spring break YOU have the chance to experience the glory of one of Scouting's national high adventure bases. PhilBreak is a program sponsored by the OA to bring youth and adults to Philmont to provide service following the devastating fires of last season to ensure an amazing 2019 camping season. Three sessions will be offered in 2019; March 16-23, March 23-30, and March 30-April 6. This opportunity is offered for a \$100 program fee and the cost of transportation to Philmont. The registration deadline is February 15. For more information and to register for this event, go to oa-bsa.org/article/oa-philbreak-2019



OA PhilBreak 2019



Attention all arrowmen in Section S-4!

Still working out summer plans? Want to experience Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit in ways you never before could? Then OA High Adventure is for you!

OA High Adventure really is the opportunity of a lifetime. At all four national high adventure bases, you first complete cheerful service and then are able to pick your own experiences!

You can:

- Summit mountains and backpack through OA Trail Crew at Philmont
- Travel through the pristine Boundary Waters through OA Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier
- Fish, snorkel, kayak, and explore through OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base
- Zipline, Whitewater Raft, and Mountain Bike through OA Summit Experience at the Summit

These trips extend for longer than conventional high adventures trips. For example, Philmont's OATC and Northern Tier's OAWV and OACO programs both last for two weeks, much longer than traditional treks.

Section S-4 Scholarships are available for Order of the Arrow High Adventure. Contact the Section S-4 High Adventure Coordinator for more information.

If you want to learn more about each program, feel free to check out the OA High Adventure Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages! Also, be sure to attend Section Conference to come see the AWESOME OA High Adventure village!

Andrew Sasser

2018-19 Section S-4 High Adventure Coordinator



Hot Off the Press!

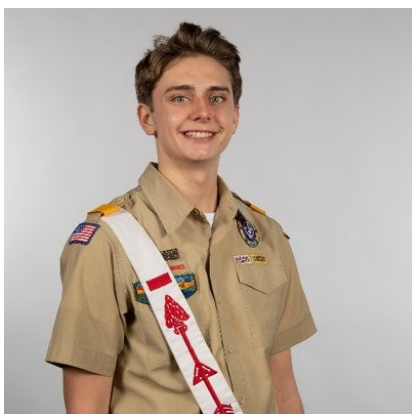
Just last week, in Dallas, Texas, the positions of all six national and regional chiefs were vacated and re-filled at the Order of the Arrow's National Planning Meeting. Every section chief and adviser as well as a support staff from across the nation attended this yearly congregation designed to effectively introduce and disseminate new and important program changes to arrowmen everywhere. Read on to meet the new OA leaders for 2019. Information taken from oa.bsa.org



Matt Parsons—National Chief

"2019 will be a turning point for our organization. The things that we accomplish this year will leave an impact on not only how effective our program is today, but how successful we are in the future."

Residing in Millsboro, Delaware, Matt is a Vigil Honor member from Nentego Lodge. He is a former Section NE-6A chief and served as the conference vice chief at the 2018 NOAC. Wanting to design residential homes, Matt studies architectural engineering at Delaware Technical Community College. Matt is a Sea Scout and enjoys sailing in his free time.



Eric Harrison—National Vice Chief

"We have a special opportunity to impact Arrowmen nationwide in 2019. I'm looking forward to taking part in this special time for our Order!"

Eric is a Vigil Honor member from Taylorville, Illinois. After serving as the Illinek lodge chief for two terms, Eric served as section vice chief and section chief for Section C-3B. He has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, as well as the Founder's Award and James E. West Award. Eric intends to major in marketing at the University of Illinois - Champaign. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer and spending time with friends and family.



Sid Salazar—Southern Region Chief

"This coming year is one filled with incredible potential and opportunity. I am ecstatic to be welcoming our first youth females into the Order, and developing more youth leaders across the country. I am extremely excited to be serving as this year's Southern Region Chief and the many opportunities to impact the youth of our Order that accompany. This year is a year of reflection and working on the roots of the Order, and I can't wait to see what new and innovative things we come up to continue to progress the Order of the Arrow."

Sid hails from Franklin, Tennessee and is a Vigil Honor member of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge of the Middle Tennessee Council. He is a recipient of the Founder's Award, James E. West Award, and is a OA Legacy Fellow. Sid is a business administration major at Georgia Tech and plans to attend law school after graduation. He enjoys playing basketball and is a brother in Theta Xi Fraternity.



Along with the National Chief, the National Vice Chief and the Southern Region Chief, the remaining regional officers are pictured here.

Brandon Stahl, the Central Region Chief; Ethan Mooney, the Northeast Region Chief; and Antonyo Mitchell, the Western Region Chief; as well as every other elected officer, looks forward to serving their arrowmen throughout 2019.

Adviser's Minute

Brothers of Section S-4,

The first half of the 2018/19 Section S-4 year has wound down and has shown many successes for both the Lodges and the Section as a whole. There have been fantastic events, exciting adventures, and great fellowship for all involved. What stands above all else is the Extraordinary Leadership by both youth and adult Arrowman throughout every Lodge and within the Section, plus the increased involvement of youth developing and executing the entirety of the OA programming. I look forward to the continuation of this Team's efforts and the growth that is still to come in its future accomplishments and successes. The second half of the year is filled with many journeys for every Arrowman including Section Conference, NLS/DYLC, Section Officer Elections, OAHA Treks, and too many Lodge Events to itemize. The 2019 Section Conference this year will contain new training topics well beyond the OA/Scouting basics taught in years past to incorporate today's relevant topics useful within our ranks and also within every Arrowman's everyday life. Have great 2019 Scouting Year with boundless successes in every quest you take on.

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William Patterson

Section S-4 Adviser

Chief's Corner

Arrowmen,

It was great to see many of you at the 2018 Section Leadership Summit (SLS). I would like to thank our hosts, the members of Echoquette Lodge, the trainers, and the participants who contributed to the success of this past year's SLS. It is my hope that those of you who attended Section Leadership Summit had a great training experience and that you will bring back what you learned to your Lodge. Now, Section Leadership Summit is behind us, and it's time for us to look ahead to the 2019 year.

This year is an incredibly exciting time to be an arrowman. On February 1st unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units for the Order of the Arrow. For the first time in 104 years we are truly all of Scouting's Honor Society!

In every Council there are Scouts who are excited to become part of the Order of the Arrow; on February 1st we will welcome each and every member who is elected, continuing our program with the values of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

We are Section S-4 as 7 Lodges, One Section, One Team, One Goal. I am looking forward to seeing all of Scouting's Honor Society at Section Conference 2019.

Yours In Brotherhood and WWW,

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