



Section NE-2A Adviser's Update – February 2012

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2011 Quality Lodge: Congratulations to Half Moon Lodge for achieving Quality Lodge in 2011! Several other lodges in NE-2A came close to qualifying for Quality Lodge, but fell short. 2012 will offer the opportunity for improvement and for each lodge to build upon the foundation already established.

Journey to Excellence Program: Following the BSA's lead, the Order of the Arrow will move to the Journey to Excellence (JTE) program, which will replace the Quality Lodge program, this year. JTE places emphasis on continuous improvement rather than simply reaching or failing to reach a guideline. JTE also allows lodges to set achievable goals and strive to improve their program on an annual basis. Visit the national OA webpage for some great resources and information about this new program: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/annc/g11/jte>

Section NE-2A Quality Lodge Summit: A successful Quality Lodge Summit was held on January 29, 2012 at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge, NY. A total of 66 Arrowmen attended the event and participated in training cells designed to help improve their Lodge and Chapter program. Special thanks to Connor Morabito (QLS Chairman) and Hunter McCormick (Section Training Adviser) for their dedicated efforts in planning and executing the event.

Council of Chiefs Meeting: The next Council of Chiefs meeting will be held on April 15, 2012 at the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Conclave Committees should be prepared to discuss their final plans for their respective activity areas.

Section NE-2A Conclave: The Section NE-2A Conclave will be held on June 18-10 at the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen, CT. Paugasset Lodge 553 will be the Service Lodge for the event. The theme for the weekend is the NE-2A World Wide Weekend. The theme is a spin-off of the upcoming 2012 Summer Olympics. Registration information will be distributed very soon. Please continue to promote the Section Conclave within your lodge!

Conclave Committees:

Year	Lodge
Service Lodge	Paugasset Lodge
Friday Night Activities	Nacha Nimat Lodge

Training	Tschitani Lodge
Saturday Afternoon Activities	Pocumtuc Lodge
Shows	Owaneco Lodge
Publications	Half Moon Lodge

2012 Lodge Assistance Program: The following lodges are scheduled to receive a visit from the Section's Lodge Assistance Team in 2012: Half Moon, Nacha Nimat, Owaneco, and Pocumtuc. Neil Harris is contacting Lodge Chiefs from those lodges to schedule visitations.

Section Officer/Adviser Travels: Tom Donlon was a guest at the Half Moon Lodge Banquet in Hurley, NY and the Pocumtuc Lodge Winter Fellowship weekend at Chesterfield Scout Reservation. Bill Chin was a guest at the Unami Lodge Banquet in Horsham, PA. Dan O'Rourke attended the Double Vigil Golf Classic in Phoenix, AZ, Train the Trainer in Irvine, CA, and the Section NE-1A QLS in Portsmouth, NH.

National Order of the Arrow Webpage: Congratulations to Owaneco Lodge for having their New Ordeal Member Survey featured as a Best Practice on the national OA webpage. If you have a Best Practices idea that has worked for your chapter or lodge and would like to share it, you may submit it to the team at ChapterResources@oa-bsa.org.

Region Chief Goals: Eric Bush has established a series of goals during his term as Northeast Region Chief. View Eric's goals on the Northeast Region webpage: <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/component/content/article/76>

National Leadership Seminar/National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar: Registration for the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar (NLATS) on March 23-25 (Alpine Scout Camp, NJ) is now open. For registration forms, visit the NLS page at <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/programs/nls> and the NLATS page at <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/programs/nlats>.

National Order of the Arrow Conference: The 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 30 to August 4 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. The conference fee will be \$420. The theme will be "United, We Leave a Legacy." For additional information, visit the NOAC 2012 event site at <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2012>.

There are a few notable changes to the NOAC schedule compared to past conferences. NOAC will begin on Monday and end on Saturday instead of Saturday through Thursday. There is also a new show schedule: Monday: Opening Show (Parade of Lodges), Tuesday: History & Recognition, Wednesday: NESA@NOAC (celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout award), Thursday: AIA Pow Wow & Grand Hodag, Friday: Theme Show.

Important NOAC Dates and Deadlines

March 1	Deposit Date due (must be postmarked by March 1)
April 1	Conference Fee Balance Due
April 1	Training and NOAC Event Registration opens. NOAC Guests are encouraged to register early. Many sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis.
April 30-June 30	Late Fee
July 16	Medical Forms Due

Project 2013: The Order of the Arrow will provide 700 staff to support the National Scout Jamboree in 2013. Nearly all of the 700 will be youth staff, under the age of 21 at the time of the Jamboree. Training will begin at NOAC, so Arrowmen will need to think ahead to next summer. It is not mandatory that 2013 staff attends NOAC, but it is encouraged. There are five different program areas to serve: Jamboree Trek Guide (lead Troops on a four mile hike to the top of the Garden Ground Mountain), OA Service Corps, Day of Service Guides (onsite service at the Summit or community service project), Indian Village, and Recreation. For more information about Project 2013, visit: <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013>.

NLS/NLATS (November): The November National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar (NLATS) will be held on November 2-4 at Camp William B. Snyder in Haymarket, VA. This will be the first time NLS & NLATS will be hosted in the Southern end of the Northeast Region. The Region will continue to host NLS & NLATS at Camp Alpine (Alpine, NJ) annually, but we are looking to try new and different locations throughout the region for the other weekends. Please let me know if you have a facility that should be considered.

Conclave Rotation: Please see the corrected Conclave Rotation below. The last update began listing years as 2011 by mistake instead of 2012.

Conclave Rotation:

Year	Lodge
2012	Paugasset Lodge
2013	Half Moon Lodge
2014	Nacha Nimat Lodge
2015	Tschitani Lodge
2016	Owaneco Lodge
2017	Pocumtuc Lodge

2012 Calendar:

Date	Event	Location/Comment
March 23-25	NLS & NLATS	Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

April 15	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation, Goshen, CT
April 20-22	NLS	Camp Gordon, Dundee, NY
June 8-10	Section NE-2A Conclave	Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation, Goshen, CT
July 30 – August 4	NOAC	Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
September 21-23	Northeast Region Gathering of Leaders (for Section Officers)	TBD
November 2-4	NLS & NLATS	Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA
November 16-18	NLS	Germany
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting	Westlake, TX