



## Section NE-2A

### Adviser's Update – January 2012

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**National Planning Meeting:** Section Chief Tom Donlon attended the National Planning Meeting from December 27-30 in Dallas, TX. Tom attended the meeting to plan the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference where he will serve on the Shows staff as Stage Director. Dan O'Rourke and I also attended the meeting. Dan serves on the Servant Leadership Taskforce and I worked with the Inductions and Ceremonial Events Committee to begin planning for NOAC and also participated in some Section Adviser informational sessions.

**2012 National Officers:** Section Chiefs from across the country gathered to elect new officers at the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, TX in December. Your new officers are:

National Chief: John Rehm, Woapeu Sisilija Lodge, Susquehanna Council

National Vice Chief: Preston Marquis, Blue Heron Lodge, Tidewater Council

Northeast Region Chief: Eric Bush, Wagion Lodge, Westmoreland-Fayette Council

Southern Region Chief: David Joyner, Nayawin Rar Lodge, Tuscarora Council

Central Region Chief: Marty Opfhoff, Chippewa Lodge, Clinton Valley Council

Western Region Chief: Joe Barton, Talako Lodge, Marin Council

**Section NE-2A Quality Lodge Summit:** The Quality Lodge Summit will be held on January 29, 2012 at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge, NY. The event will run from 8:30AM to 4:00PM. The training course is aimed at Lodge and Chapter leadership and advisers and will cover topics to improve Lodge and Chapter program. The deadline to register is January 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available online at

<http://www.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/?action=view&event=000074>.

**Council of Chiefs Meeting:** The next Council of Chiefs meeting will be held in conjunction with the Quality Lodge Summit on January 29, 2012. Conclave Committees should be prepared to present program plans for their respective activity area.

**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 Conclave:** The Section NE-2A Conclave will be held on June 18-10 at the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen, CT. Pauguasset 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.

**National Order of the Arrow Webpage:** If you haven't visited the national webpage recently, a lot has changed. The webpage is being updated on a regular basis with new Best Practices guidelines, "Ask the Chairman," and resources like the new OA Branding and Style Guides. Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org> and <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org> for the Northeast Region.

**Northeast Region Newsletter:** A new edition of *The Visionary* was released this week. Read the newsletter at: [http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/images/stories/Visionary/TheVisionary\\_VolXVI\\_Issuell.pdf](http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/images/stories/Visionary/TheVisionary_VolXVI_Issuell.pdf)

**National Leadership Seminar/National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar:** The next opportunity to attend National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar (NLATS) will be March 23-25 (Alpine Scout Camp, NJ). Advisers should encourage their youth officers to attend this training.

**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 theme will be "United, We Leave a Legacy."

**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>.

**2012 Calendar:**

Date	Event	Location/Comment
January 29	Quality Lodge Summit & Council of Chiefs Meeting	SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY
March 23-25	NLS & NLATS	Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ
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	TBD
November 16-18	NLS	Germany
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting	Westlake, TX

**Conclave Rotation:**

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