



## Section NE-2A

### Adviser's Update – Oct/Nov 2012

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**Council of Chiefs Meeting:** The Council of Chiefs meeting was held on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Camp Sequassen in West Hartford, CT. The year is off to a good start! We plan to discuss Section business and begin planning the Conclave program.

**Section Planbook:** The Section Officers have developed the 2012-2013 Section Planbook as a resource for all lodges. The Planbook contains information about the Section, our Conclave, program, and resources.

**2013 Section NE-2A Conclave:** The theme for the 2013 Conclave at Camp Tri-Mount Scout Reservation is "Keep the Fire Burning." Half Moon Lodge has worked hard to develop plans for the weekend and plans to integrate the theme into the program as much as possible. Anthony Stoico will serve as Conclave Coordinator and he will be advised by Tony Van Duynhoven.

#### Conclave Committees:

| Year                          | Lodge             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Service Lodge                 | Half Moon Lodge   |
| Friday Night Activities       | Lodge             |
| Training                      | Pocumtuc Lodge    |
| Saturday Afternoon Activities | Tschitani Lodge   |
| American Indian Activities    | Paugasset Lodge   |
| Shows                         | Owaneco Lodge     |
| Publications                  | Nacha Nimat Lodge |

**Project LEAP:** Project LEAP (Lodge Excellence Assistance Program) will be held on February 10, 2013, location TBD. The event will feature a day of training, team building, and great fellowship. Stay tuned for additional details!

**Scouts Helping Scouts:** Hurricane Sandy caused lots of damage all across the region and the Northeast Region leadership is leading an effort to help councils in need. Many camps across the region suffered severe damage and some remain closed until further notice. The Region Key 3 is launching an aggressive fundraising campaign to raise money that will be awarded to lodges to help their councils to complete projects at their camps. The goal is to raise at least \$20,000 with hopes to exceed that goal. The campaign is called Scouts Helping Scouts, because that's what we are all about. For more information, visit the Northeast Region webpage at <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org>.

**Lodge Charter Renewal:** Lodge Charter Renewal packets were mailed to Council offices several weeks ago. As the end of the year approaches, lodges should be working on their annual charter renewal. Forms are due to the national office on December 31, 2012. Please help our Section by submitting your lodge renewal on time. Forms can be downloaded here: <http://www.main.oa-bsa.org/resources/forms/#lodge>

**Section Officer/Adviser Travels:** Neil Harris visited the Pocumtuc Lodge Fellowship in Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, MA.

**National Planning Meeting:** The annual National OA Planning Meeting will be held December 27-30 in Westlake, TX. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the national program of emphasis, Project 2013 at the National Scout Jamboree, and to elect new national officers.

**Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan 2013-2017:** The Strategic Plan for 2013 to 2017 was first presented at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference during the National Council of Chiefs meeting. As the Order of the Arrow prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2015, lodges will strive to increase service to their councils and provide greater service to the young people who are the focus of our mission. The plan focuses on a Journey to Excellence and to complete a century of service. Read the plan at: <http://www.main.oa-bsa.org/programs/splan>.

**OA High Adventure Forms:** The 2013 registration forms for OA High Adventure are now available for download: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/resources/forms/#adventure>.

**Adult Unit Election Changes:** The national Order of the Arrow committee has recently announced changes to the requirements for the nomination of adult unit Scouters to become candidates for induction into the Order. These changes will take effect for the 2013 Unit Election season. For more information, visit: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/annc/opup/opup-12-07.pdf>

**National Jamboree 2013 Staff:** The "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt Trust and the Order of the Arrow recently announced the William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt Scholarship to assist youth Arrowmen serving on Order of the Arrow Staff at the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree. Order of the Arrow Staff is considered to be: Jamboree Trek OA Guides, the OA Service Corps, the Day of Service OA Guides, and OA Indian Village. Recipients of the scholarship will receive a maximum of \$250.00 applied toward the National Boy Scout Jamboree Staff fee. For details visit: <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013/hillcourtscholarship.htm>

**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 15-17 (Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ). This will be the

closest session to our Section and lodges should encourage their youth officers and adult advisers to attend these worthwhile training sessions.

**2012 Calendar:**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Event</b>                      | <b>Location/Comment</b>   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| December 27-30 | National Planning Meeting         | Westlake, TX              |
| December 31    | Lodge Charter Renewal<br>Deadline | Submit to National Office |

**2013 Calendar:**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>           | <b>Location/Comment</b>                              |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| February 10 | Project LEAP           | TBD  |
| March 15-17 | NLS & NLATS            | Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ                        |
| April 5-7   | NLS                    | Camp Squanto, South Carver, MA                       |
| June 7-9    | Section NE-2A Conclave | Camp Tri-Mount Scout<br>Reservation, East Jewett, NY |

**Conclave Rotation:**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Lodge</b>      |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2013        | Half Moon Lodge   |
| 2014        | Nacha Nimat Lodge |
| 2015        | Tschitani Lodge   |
| 2016        | Owaneco Lodge     |
| 2017        | Pocumtuc Lodge    |
| 2018        | Paugassett Lodge  |

**Lodge Visitation Program:**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Lodges</b>                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 2012-2013   | Nacha Nimat, Paugassett, Tschitani |
| 2013-2014   | Half Moon, Owaneco, Pocumtuc       |