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Section NE-2A Conclave: The "early bird" Conclave registration rate is \$35 and ends on April 30th. Register online at

http://www.ctyankee.org/news/news/?more=true&entry=001907. Participants can also purchase items from the Conclave trading post during the registration process.

Important Dates: Early Registration – before 5/1/12, General Registration – before 6/1/12, Late Registration – after 6/1/12.

Conclave Committees:

Year	Lodge	
Service Lodge	Paugassett Lodge	
Friday Night Activities	Nacha Nimat Lodge	
Training	Tschitani Lodge	
Saturday Afternoon Activities	Pocumtuc Lodge	
Shows	Owaneco Lodge	
Publications	Half Moon Lodge	

Section Officer Elections: The annual election of the Section Chief, Section Vice Chief, and Section Secretary will be held at the Conclave business meeting. The duties of these officers are outlined in Chapter 2 of the Field Operations Guide, available online at http://www.oa-bsa.org/resources/pubs/FOG-2010.pdf. All youth candidates for these offices should be aware of the responsibilities and meet these eligibility requirements: IV. Eligibility, Nomination, Selection of Officers and Appointees

- A. All section officers must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - A registered member, in good standing, in the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America in a council within the section who has the approval, in written and in advance of being nominated, of his council Scout executive or council Scout executive's designee. The member's council must be in good standing (renewed its OA charter) with the national office.
 - 2. Younger than 21 during his entire term of office.

Approval letters must be received by Section Adviser Bill Chin [bill@eaglewbc.com] or 56 Lincoln Street, Trumbull, CT 06611] by 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 9th. Please note that a letter that authorizes an Arrowman to run "for Section Chief" will not allow him to run for Vice Chief or Secretary. A letter that approves an Arrowman to run for "Section office" will allow him to run for any or all of the three offices.

Conclave Patch Auction: Dan O'Rourke is collecting items for the Conclave auction. Please ask Arrowmen in your lodge and help solicit donations for the auction. The funds raised help to fund the operations of the Section and the Conclave.

Lodge Trading Posts: Lodges will be permitted to sell merchandise from their lodge trading post at the Section Conclave. Lodges selling items will be assessed a 10% sales charge. Ex. If the lodge sells \$100 worth of items, the Section earns \$10. Please contact Bill Chin in advance so that we can plan on having enough table space for your lodge trading post items.

2012 Lodge Assistance Program: The Section Lodge Assistance Team visited with members of Pocumtuc Lodge on April 1st and with Half Moon Lodge on April 22nd. Some great ideas were exchanged with each lodge. Owaneco Lodge will have their Lodge Assistance Team visit on May 6th at their Ordeal weekend at Deer Lake Scout Reservation (101 Paper Mill Road, Killingworth, CT).

Section NOAC Gathering: At the Council of Chiefs meeting on 4/15, a Section NOAC patch was approved. The patch will be sold to help offset the cost of the Section gathering at NOAC. We will try to select a time and location for the Section gathering prior to our arrival at NOAC to allow lodges to pass the information to their contingent members.

Section Officer/Adviser Travels: Sherri Raco visited the Tschitani Lodge Native American Seminar in Harwinton, CT. Neil Harris and Bill Chin were guests at the Pocumtuc Lodge Banquet in Chicopee, MA. Section Chief Tom Donlon served on staff for the April NLS held at Camp Gordon in Dundee, NY.

National Order of the Arrow Conference: Training and activity registration is currently open. Contingent members should be selecting training classes and scheduling activities and competitions. All contingent fees are due to the national office before April 30th. A \$50 late registration fee will be charged for each participant after that date. Check the NOAC 2012 event site at http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2012 for additional information.

Important NOAC Dates and Deadlines

April 30	Conference Fee Balance Due
April 30-June 30	Late Fee
July 16	Medical Forms Due

Northeast Region NOAC Patch: The Northeast Region has designed a new patch for NOAC to allow members to wear and show pride in the Northeast Region. Patches will only be sold to lodges and sections in minimum quantities of 10 for \$3 each. Patch orders can be made by contacting Mark Chilutti at chilutti2000@aol.com.

Northeast Region OA Trading Post: The Northeast Region is proud to announce the new Northeast Region Online Trading Post! New Northeast Region gear including jackets, hooded sweatshirts, hats, laptop bags, and other great items are available for purchase. Help support the Northeast Region and show off your Northeast Region pride as we show the nation that "East is Beast!" Visit http://northeast.oa-bsa.org to buy your gear!

Conclave Rotation:

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

Lodge Visitation Program:

Year	Lodges	
2011-2012	Half Moon, Owaneco, Pocumtuc	
2012-2013	Nacha Nimat, Paugassett, Tschitani	

2012 Calendar:

Date	Event	Location/Comment
May 1	Conclave Early Registration	
	Deadline	
May 6	Owaneco Lodge Assistance	Deer Lake Scout Reservation, 101
	Team Visitation	Paper Mill Road, Killingworth, CT
June 1	Conclave General Registration	
	Deadline	
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	TBD
	Leaders (for Section Officers)	
November 2-4	NLS & NLATS	Camp William B. Snyder,
		Haymarket, VA
November 16-18	NLS	Germany
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting	Westlake, TX