



Section NE-2A

Adviser's Update – January 2013

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National Planning Meeting: Tom Donlon attended the National Planning Meeting from December 27-30 in Dallas, TX. As Section Chief, Tom attended the meeting to plan the 2013 National Scout Jamboree where he will serve on the American Indian Affairs staff as the Jamboree Vice Chief. Dan O'Rourke and Bill Chin also had the opportunity to attend. Dan will serve as the Deputy Lead Adviser for the OA Program Committee at the Jamboree and Bill continued working with the Inductions and Ceremonial Events Committee to help roll out a revised Brotherhood Ceremony.

2013 National Officers: Section Chiefs from across the country gathered to elect new officers at the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, TX in December. Your officers are:

National Chief: Matt Brown – Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, Middle Tennessee Council

National Vice Chief: Jordan Hughes – Lowwapaneu Lodge, Northeast Pennsylvania Council

Northeast Region Chief: Tyler Allen – Langundowi Lodge, French Creek Council

Southern Region Chief: Brad Torpey – Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge, Longhorn Council

Central Region Chief: Mike Gray – Wenasa Quenhotan, W.D. Boyce Council

Western Region Chief: David Dye – Siwinis Lodge, Los Angeles Area Council

Project LEAP: Project LEAP (Lodge Excellence Assistance Program) will be held on February 10, 2013, at East Hartford Middle School, 777 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT 06618. LEAP is designed to support the six lodges of the Section in their efforts to improve their program and achieving Journey to Excellence (JTE) recognition. This event is intended for lodge officers, committee chairmen, chapter leadership, advisers, and any Arrowman who is interested in becoming active in the OA program. Training sessions will include: Brotherhood Conversion, Supporting your Council, Regalia, Conducting Service Projects and more! Join us for a day of training and fellowship. The cost of the event is \$15, which includes program materials, lunch, and an event patch. Additional trading post items are available by pre-sale only. Register online at <http://www.ne-2a.org>.

Council of Chiefs Meeting: The next Council of Chiefs meeting will be held in conjunction with the Project LEAP event. Lodges should be prepared to report on their Conclave committee plans.

Journey to Excellence: Congratulations to Owaneco Lodge for achieving the Gold Level and to Pocumtuc Lodge for achieving the Silver Level! Other lodges were close to achieving the Bronze Level and will hopefully reach their goals in 2013.

Section Officer/Adviser Travels: Outside of the National Planning Meeting travel, Section Chief Tom Donlon and Section Adviser Bill Chin were guests at the annual Nacha Nimat Lodge banquet on January 5 in Newburgh, NY.

Project 2013: Staff positions for the Order of the Arrow's Project 2013 to support the National Scout Jamboree are still available. 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>.

Revised Brotherhood Ceremony Demonstrations: The National Order of the Arrow Committee has approved demonstrations of a revised Brotherhood Ceremony to be demonstrated at Section Conclaves in 2013. The ceremony is not yet approved for official use and will be considered for official adoption in December 2013. The ceremony is "a legend within the Legend," and tells the story of Uncas as he meets a warrior from a neighboring enemy tribe. The two men listen to one another, see each other's point of view, and decide to pursue a path of peace and serve as examples to their people.

Brotherhood Ceremony Conclave Demonstration: Sections across the country will be coordinating a demonstration of the revised Brotherhood Ceremony at Section Conclaves in 2013 to ensure that Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members have the opportunity to see and provide feedback for the new ceremony prior to national adoption. The demonstration fits into a one-hour time slot. To facilitate this program element, we will be appointing a Section Demonstration Coordinator and Section Demonstration Adviser to work with an official and practiced Demonstration Team. The ceremony text itself will be limited to the Section Demonstration Team. Teams interested in volunteering should contact Section Adviser Bill Chin.

Field Operations Guide: A newly revised Field Operations Guide was recently updated on the national OA webpage. The revisions made primarily consist of Conclave participant insurance costs. <http://www.oa-bsa.org/resources/pubs/FOG-2013.pdf>

Scouts Helping Scouts: It is our goal that every lodge in Section NE-2A will be making a donation to the Northeast Region's Scouts Helping Scouts campaign. The campaign will support scout camps across the region that suffered damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. The region has nearly reached the \$30,000 mark and has increased its fundraising goal from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to \$30,000 to \$35,000. The Northeast Region

BSA has pledged a matching donation of \$15,000. For more information, visit the Northeast Region webpage at <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org>.

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	Tschitani Lodge
Training	Pocumtuc Lodge
Saturday Afternoon Activities	Tschitani Lodge
American Indian Activities	Paugasset Lodge
Shows	Owaneco Lodge
Publications	Nacha Nimat Lodge

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>

2013 Calendar:

Date	Event	Location/Comment
February 10	Project LEAP & Council of Chiefs Meeting	East Hartford Middle School, East Hartford, CT
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 Reservation, East Jewett, NY

Conclave Rotation:

Year	Lodge
2013	Half Moon Lodge
2014	Nacha Nimat Lodge
2015	Tschitani Lodge
2016	Owaneco Lodge

2017	Pocumtuc Lodge
2018	Paugassett Lodge

Lodge Visitation Program:

Year	Lodges
2012-2013	Nacha Nimat, Paugassett, Tschitani
2013-2014	Half Moon, Owaneco, Pocumtuc