Section NE-2A

Adviser's Update – November 2013

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Council of Chiefs Retreat: The Section hosted a Council of Chiefs Retreat during the weekend of November 22-24 at Camp Seqaussen in West Hartford, CT. The theme of the weekend was "Together Everyone Achieves More" and on fun team building activities, training, and Conclave planning. Surprise evening entertainment included a trip to a local bowling alley where Arrowmen engaged in a bit of friendly competition. Special thanks to: Chef Elsie Hemming and Chef Amy Schwartz for cooking for the group and our guest trainers and staff: Kyle Piper (Section NE- Chief), Michael Shostek (Section NE-5B Chief), and Matt McGovern (Section NE-5B Training Adviser).

Council of Chiefs Meeting: The Section hosted Council of Chiefs in conjunction with the Council of Chiefs Retreat. Lodges reported on their Fall events, upcoming events and news was shared, and details about the Section Conclave were discussed.

Section NE-2A Conclave: The location for the 2014 Section NE-2A Conclave has been changed because West Point could not guarantee our weekend. If one of their groups needed the camp, they would receive priority and our reservation would be bumped. It was a risk that the Section could not take. The Conclave will now be held at Camp Nooteeming in Salt Point, NY. The theme of the event will remain and be "Saving Arrowman Ryan." Lodges should continue developing plans for their Conclave committee.

Conclave Committees:

Year	Lodge
Service Lodge	Nacha Nimat Lodge
Activities	Pocumtuc Lodge
Training	Tschitani Lodge
American Indian Activities	Paugassett Lodge
Shows	Half Moon Lodge
Publications	Owaneco Lodge

2013 JTE: The end of the year is quickly approaching. Lodges should review their Journey to Excellence requirements to see where they stand and make a strong push to meet your goals before the end of the year.

Lodge Charter Renewal: There is a new re-chartering process for this year. Re-chartering funds will be automatically transferred from each council to the national office. Lodge Charter Renewal packets containing instructions were recently mailed to

Council offices. 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, 2013. Please help our Section by submitting your lodge renewal on time. Forms can be downloaded here: http://www.oa-bsa.org/resources/forms/#charter-instructions

Section NE-2A Project LEAP: Save the date! Project LEAP (Lodge Excellence Assistance Program) 2014 will be held on Sunday, February 9 at the Connecticut Yankee Council Service Center in Milford, CT. 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. Additional details will follow.

Section Officer/Adviser Travels: Section Chief Mitchell Heisler represented the Section at the Area 2 Key Leader Conference on November 9th and gave a report and presentation to the Area Committee. Mitchell also served on staff for the National Leadership Seminar at Alpine Scout Camp on November 15-17 and attended the Pachachaug Lodge 525 Winter Banquet in Shrewsbury, MA on November 30th. Section Vice Chief Neil Harris attended the Pocumtuc Lodge Fellowship on November 1-3 at Moses Scout Reservation. Section Adviser Bill Chin served on staff for the National Lodge Adviser's Seminar at Alpine Scout Camp on November 15-17.

Northeast Region OA High Adventure & Adviser Training Scholarships: The Northeast Region OA Leadership Team has created a special set of patches to raise funds for OA High Adventure & Adviser Training Scholarships. The goal is to provide significant assistance to help Arrowmen from the Northeast Region attend OA programs at Philmont, Northern Tier, the Florida Sea Base, and the new program at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. A set of three patches are available: blue border ($10 donation), silver border patch ($25 donation) and a limited edition gold mylar border patch ($100 donation). The gold mylar patch will also be awarded to each youth Arrowman who attends a program in 2014. For more information, email NER OA Chairman Mark Chilutti at chilutti2000@aol.com.

Order of the Arrow Innovation Award: Submissions are now being accepted for the Order of the Arrow's 100th Anniversary Identity Contest. With the thematic concept of "Centuries of Service" chosen for 2015, Arrowmen are invited to submit their ideas for the integrated identity. Submissions should minimally include a 100th anniversary year-long logo, a NOAC 2015 patch, and a 100th anniversary totem. The totem is a simple icon that ties together all 100th anniversary pieces. (For the Order's 75th Anniversary, a turtle was chosen. Several others used some form of an arrowhead.) For more information, visit: http://www.oa-bsa.org/resources/emailupdates/nycu/2013-08/identitycontest.htm

Legacy Project 2015: Legacy Project 2015 is part of the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Hopefully each lodge in Section NE-2A has already found a Lodge Rock and sent it to be part of the new Brotherhood Fireplace. The next step is the Legacy Panel (2013). Your lodge should decorate the lid of the Centennial Crate and paint one side to reflect your lodge's legacy. Consider incorporating the design for your 100th anniversary NOAC 2015 contingent flap into the lid design. Future projects include your lodge History Book (2014) and Centennial Bonfire (2015). For additional details, visit: http://www.oa-bsa.org/legacyproject/legacyproject.htm

2013 Calendar:

Date	Event	Location/Comment
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting	Westlake, TX
December 31	Lodge Legacy Panel Due	National Office
December 31	Charters Due	National Office

2014 Calendar:

Date	Event	Location/Comment
February 9	Project LEAP & Council of Chiefs Meeting	Connecticut Yankee Council Office, Milford, CT
TBD	Conclave Walk Through & Council of Chiefs Meeting	Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY
March 14-16	NLS & NLATS	Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ
April 11-13	NLS & NLATS	Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, Reading, PA
August 15-17	Section NE-2A Conclave	Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY

Conclave Rotation:

Year	Lodge
2014	Nacha Nimat Lodge
2015	Tschitani Lodge
2016	Owaneco Lodge
2017	Pocumtuc Lodge
2018	Paugassett Lodge
2019	Half Moon Lodge

Lodge Visitation Program:

Year	Lodges
2013-2014	Half Moon, Owaneco, Pocumtuc
2014-2015	Nacha Nimat, Paugassett, Tschitani