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## 2014 Section NE-2A Conclave: Saving Arrowman Ryan

This year's Section Conclave, which was hosted by Nacha Nimat Lodge, was held at Camp Nooteming in Salt Point, New York. Over the weekend, scouts from Owaneco and neighboring lodges participated in various training classes ranging from event planning to patch trading. By participating in Conclave University classes, scouts had the opportunity to earn an Associates or Bachelors Degree. Next year, the Section will be offering a Masters degree to those scouts who show true commitment to the Section training. Classes were taught by Section officers, volunteers and guests. Our Section was honored to have both the National Chief, Nick Dannemiller, and the National Vice Chief, Taylor Bobrow attend the Conclave, and contribute by teaching the "Centuries of Service" course.

The Conclave wasn't just training classes. The weekend was full of exciting events and competitions

including human foosball, ultimate frisbee, tug of war, dodge ball, and many more.

Our Lodge also competed in a great night of Minute to Win It games, and we blew away the other lodges taking home a gold trophy. We also had six lodge members compete in the Big Event which tested the strength, endurance and skills of our lodge. After almost an hour and six challenges later, the host lodge, Nacha Nimat, took home the victory.

At the end of the event, the Section held its business meeting in which we talked about next year's conclave hosted by Tschitani Lodge at J.N. Webster Scout Reservation. National Vice Chief, Taylor Bobrow, also carried out the Section Officer Elections. Our previous Lodge Chief, Neil Harris, was elected as the Section Chief, Nick Aubrey of Pocumtuc as Vice Chief, and Jon Hagenow of Tschitani as Secretary.



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### CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

Dear Brothers,

It is a great honor for me to serve as your 2014-2015 lodge chief. This year, we will begin the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, and I could not be more privileged to serve in this time of service and celebration. As chief, I want you to know that many of my goals and objectives revolve around our centennial; and similarly, my theme for the year, which is entitled **“Preserving the Tradition of Cheerful Service.”**



The words themselves are quoted directly from **Allowat Sakima**, who challenges us to **“preserve the tradition of cheerful service given us by Uncas.”** The ceremonies are one thing I feel we can all connect to; we were all inspired by them on that first day of our Ordeal, and we can continue to learn from them even after we first see them. **Allowat’s charge is something we all try to live up to every day.** I urge you to keep it in mind as we move into our centennial year.

On a separate note, please encourage everyone you know to renew their dues! We have some fun events **coming up towards the end of the year and it isn’t too late** for anyone to come back. The September Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, and Winter Banquet are all going to be a blast, and the more people we have in attendance, the better these events will be.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and serving you this year as your lodge chief!

Yours in WWW,

### END OF YEAR CALENDAR

<b>September Ordeal</b>	September 12-14, 2014 Camp Pomperaug
<b>LLD</b>	October 4-5, 2014 Hoyt Scout Reservation
<b>Fall Fellowship</b>	October 31-November 2, 2014 Deer Lake Scout Reservation
<b>Winter Banquet</b>	January 4, 2015 Costa Azura Restaurant

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## NOAC 2015

Being Scouts, we have all heard about the National Scout Jamboree. But what people don't realize, is that the Order of the Arrow has their own major event every three years called the National Order of the Arrow Conference, better known as NOAC.

NOAC is the largest gathering of arrowmen from around the country with over 10,000 arrowmen in attendance. Unlike a Jamboree, NOAC is not centered around camping because it is held on a college campus. You are living the life of a college student for a week—well, sort of. You stay in college dorms, eat college food, and use all of the various buildings on the campus.

There is so much to do at NOAC, that you may not have the time to do everything. Some of the different activities and events you can participate in include geocaching, competitive sports (including tug-o-war of which Owaneco Lodge is the reigning champion), patch trading, lodgeball, iron arrowman, 5k run, golf tournament, ceremonies competitions, Native American pow-wows and dance competitions. Some of the major exhibits include the outdoors expo, OA museum, Adventure Central, and Founder's Day. Each morning of the conference, you will be able to participate in training cells on a variety of topics ranging from beadwork, to running an ordeal, to understanding ceremonies. As there is training every morning, there are also a different type of show every single night of NOAC. There are five different shows including the opening and closing shows, along with the recognition show, the Grand Hodag, and a special fifth one.

The 2015 NOAC is a special NOAC for many reasons. The main one is that it will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization! You will not want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. NOAC 2015 will be held at Michigan State University from August 3-8, 2015. The only way to register and attend as part of the lodge's contingent, or as a staff member. Contingents will leave home a few days before and arrive home a few days after the end of the conference. Depending on your method of transportation, you may stop at museums, amusement parks, or interesting places such as cave mines or caverns.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to your Lodge Chief Dan Wivagg or NOAC Committee Chairman Jason Van Leeuwen. I will see you at NOAC!



## The Arrowman Service Award

The 100th anniversary of the OA presents us with a unique opportunity. For this year only, youth and adults in the OA can earn the Arrowman Service Award, which is a special patch (depicted) that can be worn on the sash. Be sure to get the requirements and start working to earn this award! Contact Dan Wivagg (chief@owaneco.org) or visit oa-bsa.org to find out more. Don't delay, because this award can only be earned until December 31, 2015.



## OA High Adventure

This summer, eleven members of Owaneco had the opportunity to attend one of the BSA High Adventure bases with the Order of the Arrow. Sean Youngblood shares his story below.

The long car ride down to West Virginia filled me with anxiety and excitement for what I knew was about to come. Upon the arrival at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, commonly referred to as "The Summit" for my OA High Adventure Trip, I was filled with even more emotion as I saw the High Adventure Base for the first time. After a speedy check-in and quick goodbye to my parents I was off with my fellow compatriots to meet our foreman and other members of the OASE- 706 trail crew. The rest of the night consisted of games of icebreaker to get to know everyone, including our 2 foreman Chris and Keith, as well as setting up camp for the night. The next day until mid- Thursday we focused on the service aspect of the OA High Adventure Trip, and cut a good section of trail for a new mountain bike trail for the National Park Service. This part of The Summit was definitely a mental and physical challenge for some people, but we remained cheerful throughout the work days. Afterwards, the activity portion of the OA Summit Experience began. It started with the "Big Zip", which is the largest zipline in the Western Hemisphere, over 3,100 feet in length! Afterwards, our trail crew was able to "fly" over at the Canopy Tours, and got to rock climb on the largest artificial rock wall in the continental United States. The final epic activity the now close-knit group of friends was able to do was go white water rafting on the nearby river in class 2- 4 rapids. At the end of the week all 10 of us were all tired and ready to go home and sleep in our own beds for the first time in 8 days. The Summit was most definitely an amazing experience to say the least, and I would highly recommend going if you haven't gone already. The combination of work and amazing activities all in a group of people you have never met before will unquestionably bring you out of your "comfort zone", and will define a new meaning to the word "Fun".

Every year, Owaneco offers 2 OA High Adventure scholarships. If you plan on going to OAHA next summer, apply today!

## VIGIL CLASS OF 2014

At the June Ordeal, Owaneco Lodge had a special privilege: inducting the newest class of Vigil Honor Members. This special event only occurs once a year at the June Ordeal and marks an incredible point in the career of those worthy arrowmen.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon it's members. This honor is given for recognition of distinguished contributions to Scouting and the Order, through exceptional service, personal commitment, and unselfish interest in the welfare of others, beyond the immediate responsibilities in the Order of the Arrow.

As part of the honor that is bestowed upon them, all new Vigil members receive a Lenni Lenape name and an English translation. This name is a reflection of the qualities that make all Vigil Honor members unique servant leaders. This year's class members include:

- Charles Flowers—Nechasin Nendawagan Waseleu Tpoku (Vigilant Torch Lighting the Night)
- Stephen Rogalski—Nag'atamen Kschilandeke Nutemekiset (Reliable Summer Shepherd)
- Jason Savisky—Wulachneu Gentgeen Pemapuchk (Peaceful Stream Dancing over Rocks)
- Robert Saymon—Schachachgameu Allohak Aptonagan (Pillar that Supports a Chapter)
- Daniel Wivagg—Woapalanne Utsche Allanque (Eagle Who Flies with the Stars)

We congratulate our newest Vigil Honor members for their achievement and wish them luck in their continued service to others. (Picture Below: 2014 Vigil Class)



## FEATURED COMMITTEE: OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE

We all know that to earn the rank of Star, Life, or Eagle Scout, some time must be spent in a position of leadership within the troop. But many people don't realize that this can be done in tandem with holding a position in the OA.



The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative even gets a position patch just like all the other Troop positions. As a Troop Representative, your duties are to attend chapter and troop meetings, coordinate support from the OA to the troop, encourage members within

the troop to pay their dues and convert to brotherhood, and facilitate communications particularly during Unit Elections season. If you want to become a Troop Representative, talk to your scoutmaster as well as your chapter chief or the committee chairman, Sean Youngblood.

## GOT BROTHERHOOD?

Have you been an ordeal member in the OA for at least ten months? If so you have a chance to become a Brotherhood member in the lodge. Did you know that when you get brotherhood it is a personal achievement, but you are also helping the lodge? In the journey to excellence program, a lodge must have 30% Brotherhood Conversions rate to attain Bronze level, a 40% conversion rate to attain Silver, and a 50% conversion rate to attain gold level. So this year go to one of the ordeals to get your racing stripes. To learn more about brotherhood go to [www.jumpstart.ou-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.ou-bsa.org)

