

Section News



Conclave is Nearing

Brothers,

This may be the winter edition of the newsletter but with the current beautiful 60 degree weather it sure does not feel like winter! I hope the past few months have served you well as we progress towards Conclave. As for me, the winter has been a really exciting time. A 3 hour flight to Dallas for the OA National Planning Meeting ended up being a 30 hour endeavor. Oh well, they say Scouting is about getting out there and experiencing new things. Speaking of new things, I had the pleasure of staffing my first NLS a few weeks ago in Alpine, NJ. For those of you who have not yet attended the National Leadership Seminar, I cannot encourage you enough to go. As the premier training for the Boy Scouts, NLS will change your life and your leadership capabilities will flourish beyond belief.

I am pleased to announce that the inaugural Section Advancement of Lodge Leaders Summit (SALLS) was a tremendous success. Held March 19 at IUP, members from across the Section gathered with the Region's finest trainers to improve their skills and abilities to better help their lodge. As a first-time event, I am happy to say that we were able to provide a quality and meaningful program without any major logistics issues. Thank you to all who attended. I look forward to watching this program grow and develop over the next few years. We laid a really solid foundation from which to build off of.

Can you believe that Conclave is only 2 months away? I am super excited for Game of Chiefs. Share this excitement with me by joining your lodge Conclave delegation. For me at least, Conclave is the pinnacle event of the lodge year. I hope to see you June 10-12 at Camp Bucoco!

Keep up the good work. The Section earned JTE Gold in 2015 and I have high expectations to keep that success throughout 2016. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, comments, or just want to chat. I wholeheartedly enjoy speaking with each of you. Be safe, have fun, and enjoy the warming weather.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathon Chester'.

Jonathon Chester

2015-2016 NE-4B Section Chief

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Section Secretary

Brothers of Section NE-4B,

I hope that you all are getting pumped for Conclave 2016 hosted by our one and only Kuskittanee Lodge 168 on June 10th-12th! As Conclave nears ever closer be sure to watch our Section's Website for all things Conclave 2016 and if you have not signed up yet to be part of this once in a life time opportunity I highly encourage you to talk to your Lodge Chief or Lodge Conclave Chairman to receive more information. Also be sure to check out the Section's website and take advantage of all of the resources there. If you have any ideas on how we can better utilize the website and other resources to promote Section, Region, and National events please feel free to e-mail me at aaroncoffman13@yahoo.com with your suggestions. I am super excited to see you all at Conclave at Camp Bucoco!

Yours in Service,

Aaron Coffman

NE-4B Secretary 2014-16



The April NLS is quickly approaching! It will be on April 22-24 in Plymouth, MA. Check with your lodge adviser to sign up before spots run out!



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One of the things that Kuskittanee Lodge is known for on the National stage is our Drum Team. Over the last five National Order of the Arrow Conferences (NOAC) we have won the Northern Drum competition four times. The first three were back to back victories for the Midnight Brookies, and the lastest championship was awarded this past NOAC to Andrew Brock, Sam Beaver, Stephan Costello, Jon Ostrowski, Zach Matuch, DJ Peters, and Kody McConnell. Under the direction of James English and Bill Kennedy, the Midnight Brookies swept the competition and were recognized at the conference by being asked to perform during the finals of the dance competition. They were also given standing invitations to staff the Order of the Arrow Indian Village at the National Scout Jamboree in 2017. Though NOAC may have ended in August, the Midnight Brookies continued their long list of victories with the First Place Award at the Wampum Christmas Parade in December. For three years the team held practices both on the weekends and at our Lodge events to prepare for competition at Michigan State. In addition to their long hours of practicing, they also performed on Wednesdays at Summer Camp and at Cub Scout day and residential camps. Though most of the team has aged out of the team, the remaining members are in the process of recruiting new members and getting ready for another run for the Champion title in four years at Indiana University.

Peter Gemperle

Kuskittanee Lodge Chief



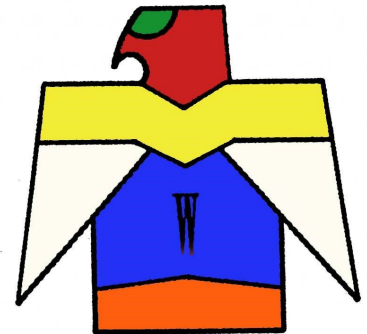
Lodge Reports



Wagion Lodge #6

Hey guys!

The last few months have been a pretty exciting time for Wagion! Closing out the centennial year was bittersweet, but it gave new focus to goals and visions for our next century. In October, Wagion held its last service weekend of the year. Each October, our brothers come together to help close down our camp for winter, convert to brotherhood, and even take their ordeals! A key event at our weekend is when we elect our new lodge officers for the following year. After dinner, all youth are locked in our dining hall until we have selected our new leadership. We have 5 lodge officers, and each one is carefully selected by the majority of our youth Arrowmen. After the weekend is done, we have a final event in December in which our new five officer elects and past officers come together for a weekend we call "Lodge Officer Training." This weekend is a blast. To close out 2015, Wagion submitted its Journey to Excellence paperwork and was officially recognized by national as having received Gold for the year! With this great feat obtained, our lodge officers selected a theme of "Make Wagion Gold, Again!" The theme is a drive and constant reminder to reach our goals for the year, but also a bit of an opening to incorporate a Presidential Election mini theme, as 2016 is an election year. With these goals set, in January Wagion hosted our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) to train selected chairman and advisers for the upcoming year. With great attendance, our officers conveyed their visions to our Lodge Executive Committee so we could get the ball rolling. In February, Wagion hosted its Annual Lodge Fellowship Banquet. Each year, our lodge members are invited to an all-day banquet with activities and trainings hosted at a school within our council. We had over 210 brothers come out and make it a great kickoff event for the year! At our banquet we presented the Centurion Award to our mince recipients and also our own award, the Thunderbird Award, which dates back to 1957. Wagion is currently excited to send five members to NEXT and ten to Prism this summer.



Yours in Brotherhood,

Caleb Maddas

Wagion Lodge 6 Chief



Allohak Menewi Lodge #57

During our winter season at Allohak we held our Winter Fest event which was held during a blizzard giving us plenty of snow to have a very fun social weekend. We had a total of 100 people there despite the weather. The event went smoothly thanks to it being very well thought out and the only hic-



cup we experienced was having to shovel the cars out on the last day. Our second event help was our spring thaw which was held at Camp Anderson where we had 40 people in attendance to that weekend. There we had patch trading between Arrowmen and a good social weekend. We have started to do our camp promotions and the way in which we decided to do them this year is through our troop unit elections that way we can do them all in one go and make sure everything goes correctly. We have also started our home troop election with the camp promotions. Our Council is having the Scouting for Food campaign going on right now and our fellow Arrowmen are in the process of helping collect the donations and put out the door hangers.

Yours in Service,

Tristen Miller

Allohak Menuwi Chief

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Lodge Reports



Monaken Lodge #103

So far this year, the Monaken Lodge has had our executive board training weekend at camp where we started planning out our upcoming year and our Powwow the weekend of February 19-21. We had a fairly small, but also fun Powwow weekend with the first ever Chopped Chapter Competition. The chapters had to each make a dish of food for our panel of judges with a few secret ingredients that were given to them at the start of each round. The chapters received preliminary points for our Chapter Weekend competition. Now we are approaching the largest service season for The Order of the Arrow.



We made our fundraising plan for the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Range and we have been working with the Camping Committee to make a council-wide service day that would work around camp and on the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Range. We are making a special patch to raise funds for this new project. It is a cub-scout-blue, ghosted version of our old standard patch with a cub-scout-yellow boarder. This entire project must be completed by October per the rules of the National OA Service grant we received, so we are working to that deadline.

Service projects we are continuing from last year include the improvement of the OA pavilion, finishing painting and placing picnic tables around camp, ensuring the human foosball court is ready for summer camp, and staining and placing the podiums from Conclave. Along with those projects we will begin to start our regular projects to help get camp ready for summer camp.

We are also working on Camp Promotions via the troop visitations that are almost all completed at this point. We tried to focus on telling our stories to the troops rather than show videos. Our goal is to show tell them how camp has impacted our lives and inspire them to come to Seven Mountains Scout Camp.

One thing that our lodge that I feel is pretty interesting and possibly unique is our chapter competition weekend. One weekend per year we have a competition between our three chapters to see who will lift the Chapter Weekend Trophy. This weekend often brings the chapters closer together by putting them all on one team, and then bringing the lodge together with brotherly competition. In the past we have had ceremonies competitions, soccer tournaments, and most recently the Chopped Competition.



Monaken Lodge #103 (Continued)

This is not an ordeal weekend for our lodge, it was founded in fun, but recently we have added a service element to it. We have had a lot of things that we needed to complete over the past couple years where we just didn't have enough service weekends, so we added it to Chapter Weekend. This year, we are doing more service than ever since we have the deadline of completing the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Range.

Zachary Bonson
Monaken Lodge Chief

Kuskitannee Lodge #168

Dear Brothers,

Kuskitannee lodge has been busy the last several months with our preparation for the Section Conclave. This has put many leaders and youth to hard work to make our camp and our programs ready for the rest of the Section. At every one of our past events we have been coming up with solutions to logistical problems that have come up from planning an event like this. As most of you know the theme is "Game of Chiefs" and therefore the whole weekend will be medieval themed. We have incorporated this into the activities, the training cell names, and even the menu. I hope that we see you all at Camp Bucoco June 10th-12th.



Our lodge has also held several events in the last three months that include our Lodge Banquet and of Winter Fellowship Weekend. At the Banquet we recognized both the people who gave extraordinary service throughout the previous year through our Service of Scout Award. In addition to our SOS award we also recognized our Lodges Centurion Award Recipients. At our Winter Fellowship Weekend we used the time not only to do some maintenance on our Cub Scout Camp; Camp Agawam. But we also used the weekend for some more fun time for the youth members of our lodge. Currently we are working to complete our Troop elections throughout our council. We are also actively visiting our Cub Scout Packs in an effort to recruit for Cubclave. We are hoping for a big turnout at our Spring Ordeal in order to prepare both our camp and our staff for the 2016 Conclave Weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Peter Gemperle

Kuskitannee Lodge 168 Chief



Best Practice Lodge Officer Training Wagion Lodge 6

In December we hold a "Lodge Officer Training." At this event, officer-elects and past officers get together to train for their new responsibilities at their respective positions. We take this event very seriously because as a youth-run organization, our officer team must be ready to go as soon as their terms start January 1st. We use the word training loosely at this event. We have both formal and informal trainings with presenters and guest speakers to help inform and spark ideas for the upcoming year. Our officers play games, interact, and build a bond that will carry them into the next year as a team. The entire weekend is a very constructive and informative event for our officers. This is where our lodge theme for the year is selected, an LEC is constructed, and any questions the officers may have get answered. On Saturday night of the training, our officers "go out" to bond and interact. Yearly the activities vary, but popular trips are to get pizza and wings and either go bowling or see a movie. Trainings are often boring or repetitive but each year our officers look forward to a curriculum that is tailored to their specific needs while taking a fun approach to it. It is a very fun event and it gets all of your officers on the same page for the year. We come in as elected Arrowmen and leave as confident leaders.

Section Online Trading Post

After much hard work and dedication Section NE-4B is proud to announce that our Trading Post through SG Trading Post is officially OPEN! We highly encourage you to check it out at this URL: <http://bit.ly/1M8ktOu> which you can copy and paste into your URL or visit our Website at www.ne4b.org and click on the post titled "We have a Section NE-4B trading post now!" and you can find the link there. There is a lot of cool Section apparel perfect to show off at Conclave from the Conclave 2016 T-Shirts to a Section Branded Hoodie or even pick yourself up a Section Neckchief! There is much more stuff than just that so be sure to check out the rest at the SG Trading Post and we will see you at Conclave!





The inaugural Section Advancement of Lodge Leaders Summit (SALLS) held March 19 at IUP was a huge success. With over 40 participants and staff, a solid foundation was laid from which to build the section training initiative. Training topics included Unit Elections and Inductions, Brotherhood Conversion, Problem Solving Skills and Strategies, Work Effectively Together, Effecting Communication, Membership Retention and Growth, and the Art of Presenting just to name a few. Led by premier leaders from the across the North East Region, the material covered at SALLS was top-notch and everyone was able to walk away with a bag full of knowledge. It will be exciting to see the program develop over the coming years. Extra patches are still available at \$4 for participants and \$10 for non-participants. Contact Craig Spink if you would like to order. The will only every be 1 patch from the inaugural event so order yours today!



Conclave 2016

Game of Chiefs



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