

Section NE-4B

Plan Book



2012-2013

Haken Walek

To dig coal



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Dear Brothers in the *Wimachtendienk*,

To begin, I would personally like to thank you for electing me Section Chief. This will be a great year full of opportunities. I am thoroughly excited to serve the five lodges that NE-4B represents in my journeys as chief. I am fully prepared to take on each and every challenge set in front of me and will do it with great pride. As our year unfolds I'm glad to serve with the brothers around me who strive for the success of our great order.

One of the main goals as a section is to conduct a great conclave. The youth of the CoC, conclave chairman, advisers, lodge chiefs and their advisers have a great challenge ahead but are fully prepared to take it on. Together setting short and long term goals we will make the event everything the youth of the section want. With the help of the section and lodge officers conclave at Camp Conestoga will be a great success and will set the bar even higher for next year.

In conclusion, I would like to share a quote from Robert Collier "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." With that I would like to remind you that together we have duties to our lodge and the youth it contains. We have a great year full of opportunities ahead of us all, and a weekend with a blank slate waiting to be filled. Together we can do this with small goals, I challenge each and every one of you to take on the challenge and complete it to the best of your abilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tanner G. Lashinsky". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Tanner G. Lashinsky

Section NE-4B Chief

Last Year recap



Section Chief June-Dec., Eric Bush
Section Chief Jan.-July, Mark Steiner
Section Vice-Chief, Tanner Lashinsky
Section Secretary, Robbie Lavelle

Section Adviser, Craig Spink
Section Staff Adviser, Don Olsen
Associate Section Adviser, Ken Hager
Associate Section Adviser, Neil Morton

During the 2011-2012 term, NE-4B was very well represented.

At the December National planning meeting our chief, Eric was elected to the position of Northeast Region Chief. We were held an emergency election in January where Mark Steiner was elected Section chief. At the conclave business meeting Tanner Lashinsky was elected Chief, Duncan Groth Vice-Chief, and Josh Nussbaum Secretary.

Conclave was held at beautiful camp Bucoco the weekend of June 9th. All the lodges fulfilled their responsibilities above and beyond the call of duty and a big thank you goes to them. A special thanks to Kuskitannee for being a wonderful service lodge and a great lodge to work with. A great weekend full of competitive games and American Indiana activities was put on. A special thanks to the section youth and adult leadership for their work into a great conclave.

NOAC was a great event! Our section brought 127 delegates and 7 staff. WE saw great shows, had awesome training and had a fun section gathering where we ate 50 pizzas and 14 dozen wings. Dillon Ward from Kuskitannee Lodge won first place for chicken dance in the American Indian competitions!

2012-2013 Section Leadership

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National Leadership

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National Vice Chief

Preston H. Marquis (Y)

National Chairman

Ray T. Capp

Northeast Region Chief

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Northeast Region Adviser

Mark Chilutti

Northeast Region Staff Adviser

Brian Gray

National OA Committee

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Recognition, Awards, History, and Preservation

Michael L. Thompson

Region and Section Operations

Steven D. Bradley

Unit, Chapter, and Lodge Support

Randall K. Cline

2012-2013 Section NE-4B Goals



- A. Great conclave
 - I. Large representation from all lodges
 - II. Bigger contingents than previous years
 - III. Informative training cells
 - IV. Cub scout activities
 - V. American Indian Activities
 - a. both dance/drum, and ceremonies
- B. Maintain website and communication routes
 - I. Use Facebook, Email, and section website to communicate with CoC
- C. Assist lodges with Journey To Excellence
 - I. Using scheduled LAP's
- D. Attain section JTE
- E. Develop and distribute section plan book
- F. Have representation from all lodges at NLS, and NLATS



History of Section NE-4B

The BSA breaks the nation into Regions and the Regions into Areas. The Area Director may decide to form Sections to help administer the functions of the OA Lodges within the Region.

On June 3, 1973, representatives from eight lodges from Area 3-B and Area 3-F met at the Moraine Trails Council office in Butler, PA to form NE-5C. Section NE-5C included the western third of Pennsylvania, from Maryland to New York. The first annual Section Conclave was held on June 7-9, 1974, at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with Nachamawat Lodge #275 as the service lodge.

In 1988, a re-alignment of the Sections in the Northeast Region took place. Section NE-5C became Section NE-5, and two lodges, Monaken #103, and Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho-Ont #165, were assigned to the Section.

In 1993, two Section member lodges, Tanacharison #67 and Kiausatha #57, merged to become the new lodge Enda Lechauhanne #57.

In 1994, a re-alignment of the Sections took place once again. This time, Ahtuhquog Lodge #540, joined the Section bringing the total number of lodges in Section NE-5 to ten.

Then, in early 1997, the Northeast Region re-designated Pennsylvania as Area 4 so the Sections re-aligned again. Section NE-5 became Section NE-4B and lost three lodges: Langundowi #46, Gyantwachia #255, and Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho-Ont #165, bringing the total number of lodges in our Section to seven.

In the 2001-2002 business years, the Council of Chiefs adopted a name and totem for the Section to help unify the seven lodges and give them an identity on the national stage.

Recognizing that coal mining is an industry common to the history of all the lodges in Section NE-4B, the Section name '**Haken-Waleck**' was taken from the Lenni Lenape words '**To dig coal**'. The Section's totem is a **coal miner's helmet covering a crossed pick and spade**. The spade has an **arrowhead** as the head and the handle of the pick has **two feathers** attached to it. The helmet has a **fleur-de-lis** centered on its profile and has three **Ws** around it, one on the left, one on the right, and one below it.

At the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) Kuskitannee #168, Ah'Tic #139 and Enda Lechauhanne #57 took the top three places in the nation respectively in the Northern Drum Competition.

In 2008 the Northeast Region, BSA announced yet another re-alignment of its Areas and Sections. Resulting in these changes, Kuskitannee #168 and Ah'Tic #139 were moved from Section NE-4B.

Section NE-4B is home to many of the Northeast Region's strongest and most well represented lodges. With the dedication and spirit of its members, the lodges of NE-4B will continue serving scouting in Southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland for years to come.

The Order of the Arrow

Scouting's National Honor Society

For more than 90 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- *Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.*
- *Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.*
- *Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.*
- *Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.*

History

The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to Scouting and the community.

Lodges

An OA lodge helps the local Boy Scout council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure. Every Boy Scout council is encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow lodge. Each lodge operates under a charter granted by the National Council, BSA, and must apply annually for its renewal. The Boy Scouts of America will grant a charter to only one lodge per council.

Sections

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. In addition, the section creates a monitoring/mentoring relationship with its lodges, provides leadership development opportunities, fosters understanding and adherence to national OA policies and procedures, and coordinates OA administrative and program functions. A section is lead by three elected youth officers, the section chief, section vice chief, and section secretary, who are advised by an adult section adviser and professional section staff adviser.

Each year the approximately fifty elected section chiefs are invited to a national planning meeting in Dallas, TX. The section chiefs form the conference committee for a national Order of the Arrow event, such as the national Order of the Arrow conference, which is held under the guidance of the national Order of the Arrow committee.

Region Leadership

The region chief is the youth leader elected annually by the section chiefs in his region. This election is held in conjunction with the annual national planning meeting. The region Order of the Arrow chairman is an adult adviser appointed by the region director. The professional adviser for the region is assigned by the region director.

National Leadership

The national chief and vice chief are Arrowmen elected to one-year terms by the section chiefs during the annual national planning meeting. They serve as members of the national Order of the Arrow committee, providing the opinion of youth Arrowmen on national OA policy. They also serve as the presiding officers for the national OA event. They are advised in their responsibilities by the national OA committee chairman and the Order of the Arrow team leader. The national OA committee chairman is appointed annually by the vice president/chairman of the national Outdoor Adventures Group. The professional adviser is the Order of the Arrow team leader, a national professional Scouter.

2012-2013 Section NE-4B Calendars

2012

- **Sept. 21-23: Gathering of Leaders at Camp Alpine**
- **Nov. 2-4: NLS/NLATS at Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **Fall/winter: CoC, Date and Location TBA**
- **Dec. 27-30: National Planning Conference**

2013

- **Apr. 16,17,18: NLS**
- **Apr. ??: CoC, Location Camp Conestoga**
- **Jun. 7-9: Section Conclave, Camp Conestoga**

We need to schedule monthly conference calls to review progress.

Section NE-4B Conclave Rotation

Responsibility	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Service Lodge cub activities	W	AM	M	A	K	W
Recreation	AM	M	A	K	W	AM
Newsletter	M	A	K	W	AM	M
American Indian activities	A	K	W	AM	M	A
Shows	K	W	AM	M	A	K

Lodge Responsibility:

Needs/Wants:

Questions:

Descriptions of Conclave Program Areas (Old)

If your lodge's assignment is:

Shows:

You might say this is the key to Conclave. If the shows are wonderful, then the Conclave is most likely going to be wonderful as well. You should plan two shows: one Friday night and one for Saturday night. The Friday night show is a time for lodge chiefs and advisers to introduce themselves, and also a time for the Section chief to address the crowd. This is also a good time to introduce guests. Keep this show simple. Have a master of ceremonies to introduce speakers and each lodge, but give each chief the opportunity to show off a little by leading their lodge song or cheer. This is also a time to motivate the crowd. Make sure the crowd stays interested.

Saturday night's show is the big one. This show should deal with the theme of the Conclave. You may want to contact someone who has done shows for the National Conference in the past for help in writing, editing, and producing the theme show. This is your chance to really impress the Section and have them leave Conclave talking about Saturday night's show for weeks.

Ceremonies:

You have the option of either having an Ordeal or Pre-Ordeal competition. Each lodge must provide you with one youth and one adult judge for the competition. Judges should be very knowledgeable in the area of ceremonies and should also be very impartial. The awards you give out are up to you. These are a few suggestions: best overall team, best individual, and best outfits. Judging criteria must be directly adopted from the National Guidelines in the Field operations Guide (FOG).

Recreation:

Your lodge will need to develop a recreation program and purchase awards. You have practically unlimited options for contests to be held. Some options you may want to consider are: Volleyball, Tennis, Softball, Frisbee, Golf, and Soccer. Keep in mind that you have to make these events interesting and competitive. You need to get in contact with the service lodge to find out what they have available for you to use and then see what you will need to purchase. Don't limit yourself to simply sports games. Take full advantage of everything offered by the camp, i.e....swimming pool, boating, shooting ranges. Awards may be given in the following areas: first, second, and/or third place teams and/or individuals depending on the activity.

Newsletter Competition:

You need to advise all lodges on your guidelines early in January of the year of the Conclave. Specify the quantity of issues and/or the number of editions that you want them to turn in. Set a limit on the furthest back issue, solicit entries from lodges, and select judges are a couple of the things you will need to do. Judges can be selected either from each lodge, or by contacting more knowledgeable people,

such as those on a local newspaper staff. You then need to decide on whether awards will be given to the top three newsletters or just the best overall newsletter.

Your lodge will also be in charge of producing a conclave newsletter throughout the weekend. This newsletter will be distributed to all conclave participants. The newsletter should highlight important events for the day, a schedule, and any other important information pertinent to the Conclave. Distribution times are up to you, but it is best to have one for Saturday's breakfast and supper as well as Sunday's breakfast. Your lodge will also need to get in contact with the service lodge in order to find out whether or not computers, printers/copiers, paper and toners will be supplied for the publishing of this newsletter or whether your lodge will need to bring their own.

Camp Promotions Competition & Guidebook:

Camp Promotions has the option of holding a competition between the various lodges in the Section. The competition should deal with a slide show, video, or other means of promoting our summer camps to the troops in our respective councils. You will need to advise all lodges on your guidelines early in January of the year of the conclave. You may also think about holding a discussion session on how to improve our camp promotion presentation during one of the training sessions.

The Guidebook is a memento to be handed out at conclave. It should be ready for distribution Friday night. Information that should be included in the Guidebook is as follows: lodge histories, Section history, a roster of all lodge and Section officers, a list of past section chiefs, a map of the camp, and a schedule of the day's events.

Dance Competition & Indian Events

Your lodge is in charge of running the dance competition on Saturday evening as well as the singing competition. You may either want to use your own drum or create a Section drum during the Conclave. Each lodge must supply you with one youth and one adult judge. Judges should be knowledgeable in the area of Indian events, and should be impartial. You also have the option of holding training sessions during the Saturday morning training on how to build regalia and other aspects of Indian dancing. Team and individual awards can be given out in the following categories: fancy, traditional, grass, old style, and straight dance, as well as singing and regalia. All judging criteria must be directly adopted from the National Guidelines (see *FOG*).

Theme Development Worksheet

Past Conclave Themes

2001 – Ever Striving, Ever Thriving
2002 – Keep the Spirit Aflame
2003 – Who Will Go and Spread the Word?
2004 – Let Us Try and Find the Arrow
2005 – Our Brothers, Our Traditions: United
2006 – Let the Arrow Point the Way
2007 – Conclave 007, Licensed to Serve
2008 – Lenni Lonopoly
2009 – Knights in Brotherhood
2010 – ???????????
2011 -- ??????????
2012 -- OAlympics

Theme Brainstorming:

Conclave Code of Conduct

The general welfare of any group depends upon the conduct of each individual member of that group. As an Arrowman, I understand this and on my honor promise the following:

1. I will observe the Scout Promise, Law, and the Obligation as the law while at Conclave.
2. I will wear the Scout Uniform and OA sash correctly at all times when appropriate.
3. I understand that alcohol, illegal narcotics, firearms and ammunition, gambling, and explosives are not tolerated at Conclave or other BSA activities.
4. If over the age of 18, I will try to refrain from the use of tobacco products, or will remove myself from those under 18 when using them.
5. I will not leave the Conclave site without permission and notification of appropriate camp officials.
6. I will conduct all trading in a fair and honest manner, and will refrain from selling any patches or other memorabilia without permission from the Section.
7. I will attend all my scheduled trainings and other general assemblies.
8. I will, at all times, be a considerate guest of the host lodge and all their camp property.

LAP Program

Under the direction of the Vice Chief and as a sub-committee of the COC, this program will provide assistance to Lodge's by making available the Section's vast resources. The program will consist of a dedicated and trained team constructed by the Section Chief and led by the Vice Chief. These teams will meet with Lodge's on a periodic basis as dictated by the Region, but at least every three years.

The purpose is gain firsthand knowledge of the lodge and identify the resources, training, and guidance that will most benefit the lodges and help them to better serve their Brothers and Councils. After meeting with the Lodge, the Section will begin to prepare programs that can serve the needs of the Lodge.

Overall the purpose of the program is to put to use the resources of the Section for the betterment of the Lodges

Lodge Name	Number	Council	Conclave Host Lodge	Scheduled Visit
Wagion	6	Westmoreland-Fayette	2013	2013
Allohak Menewi	57	Laurel Highlands	2014	2012
Monaken	103	Juniata Valley	2015	2011
Kuskitannee	275	Moraine Trails	2012	2012
Ahtuhquog	540	Potomac	2016	2014

National Leadership training



The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development for youth and adults. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. All arrowmen with a position in the lodge or who are interested in becoming more active and an overall more effective leader are encouraged to attend.



The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA's service

to the council.

These seminars will take place at Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, NJ during the weekends stated in the above calendar. Make sure you submit your registrations in early as these programs tend to fill up rather quickly.

2011 High Adventure



Wilderness Voyage:

For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew.

Trail Crew:

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more. For the first week, participants participate in trail building in the backcountry. Work includes clearing terrain for trail and constructing erosion controls. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes.

Ocean Adventure:

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. The first week arrowmen will receive extensive training and certification. In the second week participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.

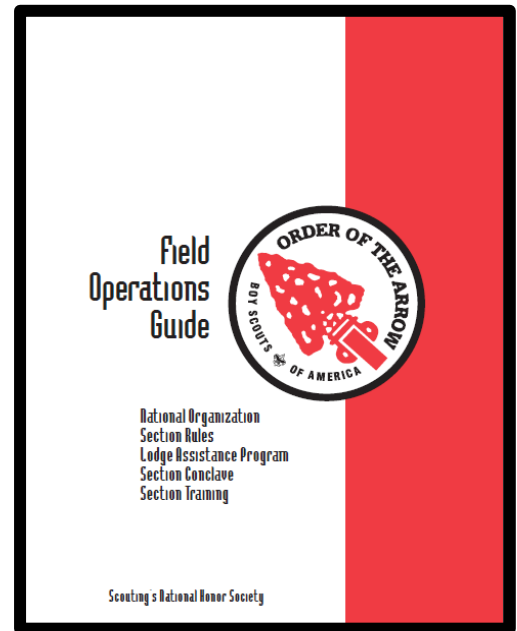
Canadian Odyssey:

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Like its U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a 90 mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota.

*** Lodge Chief Incentive:**

The complete fee will be waived for the two lodge chiefs from each region that recruit the most high adventure participants from their lodge to a high adventure program.

This guide provides details on OA National and Regional Organization, Section Rules, Lodge Assistance Program, and Section Conclave Guidelines. It too can be found on (www.oa-bsa.org) under publication



The Strategic Plan can be found on the National website (oa-bsa.org) under the National Programs page. It defines leadership, service, and financial support as ways the Order can assist the Boy Scouts of America. The plan outlines methods for local lodges to give increased service to their councils, as well as what the National Committee will do to support the lodges and Scouting in the years ahead.

The Order of the Arrow's Annual Report provides a summary of the OA's activities and programs at the National level. Annual reports for 2001-2009 may be found on the National web site. These are great documents to read or to provide to others to show off the great things that the OA accomplishes each year.

Credits

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/> <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/> Field Operations Guide