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Arrow's Path

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Upcoming Events:

Event	Date(s)	Location	Registration Ends
Section Leadership Seminar (SLS)	12/15-17	Camp Miakonda	12/10
Winter Fellowship	2/17	Camp Friedlander	2/14
OA Service Day (Camp Conservation Day)	3/23	Camp Michael's	3/20

December Birthday Highlights

Please join us in wishing a very happy birthday to our fellow Arrowmen who are celebrating a birthday this month!

Patrick D. 12/1
Evan M. 12/1
Will H. 12/2
Steve S. 12/2
Regina E. 12/2
Alanna C. 12/2
Chris L. 12/3
Ryan M. 12/4
Jake D. 12/4
Carson R. 12/4
William "W.L." S. 12/5
Tom S. 12/5
Joe E. 12/6
Lamar P. 12/6
Paul T. 12/8
Chris B. 12/8
Sam C. 12/8
Tyler R. 12/9
Ashwin P. 12/11
Imran A. 12/12
Joe Y. 12/12
Stacy B. 12/13
Bradley F. 12/13
David F. 12/14
Isaac J. 12/14
Donnigan C. 12/15
Zack B. 12/15
Jeff S. 12/16

Jeffrey H. 12/16
Chris L. 12/16
John R. 12/17
Brad B. 12/18
Mateo S. 12/18
Rick F. 12/19
Chris E. 12/19
Donovan M. 12/19
Bradley D. 12/19
Nicole D. 12/19
Kallum F. 12/19
Abigail W. 12/19
Robert M. 12/20
Joseph R. 12/20
Chris Y. 12/23
Alex S. 12/24
Rylen D. 12/24
Kendal P. 12/27
Joshua M. 12/27
Lilly S. 12/27
Christopher M. 12/28
Deacon H. 12/28
Faith W. 12/30
Shane K. 12/31
Colin R. 12/31
Nathan P. 12/31

If you would also like to be featured when it comes to your birthday, please make sure your dues have been paid for the 2023 year and check that we have your correct birthdate on file.

Ceremonies

We're looking for ceremonialists for our ceremonies team and we want you! And the good news is that you don't need to know anything about ceremonies, acting or public speaking because we can teach you. Evan Page and myself would be happy to teach you everything you need to know. Evan has many years of experience and is a former Lodge Chief. If you're interested in joining ceremonies, please reach

out to me and my advisors at donnigancathcart@gmail.com, bbroerman@bbroerman.net and evanrhpage@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Ku-Ni-Eh Advent Calendar

The holidays are here! Which means... (drumroll) *candy*! And who doesn't love candy? Especially when it's *Advent calendar candy*. Here are some examples of the lovely things you'll find in our beautiful calendar: Chocolate Barbaras, peppermint Frogmen, sugar merit badges, ceremonialist bobbleheads, rock candy sashes, and for the final present on Christmas day... (another drumroll) Uncas and Chingachgook action figures! Wow!

Buy yours today!

A Note From The Treasurer

Hello!

COMMITTEES

I would like to introduce our new Trading Post and Insignia committees.

Our new Trading Post chairman is Weston Gruber and its new committee member is Caleb Felty. For Insignia, our new chairman is Josh Warren who will be helped by Ben Streutker. Thank you all for your support. I am so excited to see the growth and progress we can create.

For anyone else interested, we are always looking for help with all three committees: Trading Post, Insignia, and Fundraising. Please reach out to me at mackenziespecht.scouting@gmail.com if you would like to participate in any of these.

DUES

It's that time of the year again! Please pay your dues as soon as possible. There are 2 options. The basic option is \$25. The season pass is \$100, and covers dues and the cost of all events except for Conclave, the Lodge Banquet/Fall Fellowship, and the Vigil Banquet. I recommend this option to save money if you plan to attend 4 or more events this year. (If you attend 4, \$20 events, you will have already saved \$5.) You can pay your dues on the website (ku-ni-eh.org) under the "pay dues" tab, or at this link: <https://mycouncil.danbeard.org/Store/29>

Thank You,

MacKenzie S.

Lodge Treasurer

Conclave

Who is ready for Conclave? It is an opportunity that you do not want to miss. My first year in the OA I chose not to attend, and when I learned more the following year I regretted not attending. Since, I have not missed a Conclave, and I can confidently say that it is a blast! Think of Section Conclave like Fall Fellowship, but on steroids!

Section Conclave registration is quickly approaching, and registration will be open later this year.

Planning for the event is in the works, and as more details come out, they will be shared with the Lodge via this newsletter and informational/registration emails.

Who: All Order of the Arrow members can attend Section Conclave.

What: Section Conclave is like Peterloon, but for the OA. You will have the opportunity to attend trainings covering communication, the history of the Order of the Arrow, campfire stories, and more. Additionally, Section Conclave is a large-scale Fellowship where there will be fun shows and many opportunities to participate in activities including archery, Gaga Ball, 9 Square, patch trading, and many opportunities for fellowship.

When: May 10-12, 2024

Where: Camp Miakonda 5600 W Sylvania Ave Toledo, OH 43623

Why: This is the perfect opportunity to network with other youth chairman and Lodges in our section, learn or expand your skills by attending trainings, make new friends, and experience all the OA has to offer. This is an event you do not want to miss.

How: Conclave information can be found at <https://sectione2.oa-bsa.org/>. This is Section E2's main website. More registration details will be shared as they become available.

I hope to see you at Conclave!

Section leadership seminar (SLS)

Calling all Arrowman!

Did you know that SLS is taking place December 15-17th at Camp Miakonda (a 3 hours' drive North in Toledo, OH)? That's right, SLS is taking place very soon and registration ends, 12/12/2023 at 11:59pm. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/272-E2SLS23> to be part of an experience that you will never forget. In doing so, you receive a special limited-edition patch! By attending, you will experience fellowship, all new trainings, and you will learn new tools that help you become a better leader in the OA, your Troop, and life in general!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach to:

-The Lodge

-Section Conclave Chairman Alton J.: altonjester@gmail.com

National Order Of The Arrow Conference [NOAC]



NOAC 2024

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope.

What is the National Order of the Arrow Conference?

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is an experience unlike any other in the Order of the Arrow, and Scouting in general, with innovative training opportunities in the morning, large-scale activities in the afternoon, and professionally produced evening shows! It is the Scouting event of the year spanning a week at a hosting university campus. This NOAC, thousands of Arrowmen will climb into the Rocky Mountains to the campus of the University of Colorado Boulder from July 29 to August 3, 2024, and we want YOU to join us as we Seek New Heights!

How do we have FUN at NOAC?

NOAC has a ton of different things to do across the week. In the past, there has been a helicopter landing, competitions ranging from ceremonies to a triathlon, patch trading, a conference-wide festival and much more. Exciting activities have ranged from elaborate escape rooms to national basketball competitions, golf excursions, and even professionally produced 5K and triathlon events! However, we have unorganized fun at NOAC as well. Constantly at NOAC Arrowmen from across the country meet, befriend each other and trade both collectible patches and ideas.

How can I gain useful skills at NOAC?

NOAC offers a variety of training opportunities to learn more about leadership, ceremonies, inductions, professional skills, sustainability, and more! These training sessions are developed by talented facilitators and are designed specifically to expand your ability to thrive as an Arrowman, leader and person. They expand your ability to serve your lodge, community and self.

What about these evening shows?

Almost every evening, the entire conference will gather in the largest indoor venue offered by the hosting university for a professionally produced show! NOAC shows hold a high production value with the power to instill the NOAC theme, inspire new leaders in the OA and provide an engaging



experience for all attendees. They are the pinnacle event of each night that displays the scale of our membership and highlights many of the skills and talents within the Order of the Arrow.



How to find out more and register?

We are finalizing the cost and registration details now. To get the latest updates check out the link on the KU-NI-EH webpage: <https://ku-ni-eh.org/national-order-of-the-arrow-conference/>

What should the KU-NI-EH Lodge theme be for NOAC 2024?

Help us decide what the theme should be for the KU-NI-EH Lodge NOAC 2024 Contingent!

Lodges produce patches for NOAC, often with a theme, as a fun way to promote their Lodge. It is always a competition to see which Lodge will have the best idea/design and the most sought after patches. It can be something funny or cool. It can be related to the NOAC theme or location. Maybe related to something local to the Lodge. The ideas are limitless!

Here is a link to many of the patches Lodges produced for NOAC 2022:

<https://noacpatchguide.com/patches>

Which Way? KU-NI-EH!

BSA Alumni Award

The BSA Alumni Award is a recognition program to encourage participation and work in council alumni relations programs, including the Order of the Arrow. Areas of work include alumni identification/promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, and education. Refer to the DBC Alumni Association website at <https://danbeard.org/bsa-alumni-award/> for additional details as well as the application form and submission process.

Advice column

Do you have lots of wisdom to share with your fellow Arrowman? You can now add it here for a chance to be featured in the Arrow's Path's advice column!

Your advice can fit into any of these four categories:

•**Scouting Advice**

•**Camping Advice**

•**Life Hacks**

•Goofy Advice

Please keep **all** advice Scouting Appropriate. The Arrow's Path Committee will choose at their discretion what advice makes it into the Arrow's Path and what doesn't.

Submit your advice here: <https://forms.gle/4Z77mekgdhwwwq1E7>

When in doubt, remember the camper's motto: "If you can't fix it with duct tape, you're not using enough duct tape."

To scare away mosquitoes, tell them your best ghost story. They hate bad jokes as much as we do.

Remember, the early bird catches the worm, but the late camper catches the best sunrise Instagram photo without anyone in the background.

More wise words from the happy camper



Happy holidays!