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By Mitchell Saulsbury
Section Chief

Over my winter break, I enjoyed my Christmas with my family but immediately after Christmas I was off to Dallas to represent you, the SR-6 lodges and members at the 2011 National Planning Meeting.

Since this was my first Dallas planning meeting I was not sure quite what to think and I had no clue what would happen while there but undoubtedly it was

one of the greatest experiences I had.

For those who are not aware of how the Dallas Planning meeting works all the section chiefs from the Order of the Arrow gather along with the National Committee.

One of the first things that happens is a new National Chief and Vice Chief are elected, the next morning the four regions split and each section chief votes

for a new region chief that is in his region. Since I was a part of that election process for you I looked at each candidate and we as Section Chiefs selected the best as our leadership.

After the installation of officers the group works together to plan the next year's program of emphasis such as SummitCorps and Indian Summer. This was an awesome experience for me and there was so much to experience that you just have to be there to find out!



As simple as a few clicks - Online Registration

By Aaron Cowan-Banker
Elogamgussit Staff Writer

Conclave 2011 is swiftly approaching and there is nothing we can do to stop it. So the first thing we can do to prepare for Conclave is to get registered for it. Online registration is now running, and there is no easier way to get signed up.

First you will need to go to registration.oasection6.org, where you will find a link that will take you right to registration. Online registration

will not only get you signed up for Conclave, but it will also let you sign up for the events you will be participating in over the course of the weekend, such as Conclave University and the golf tournament.

After being asked to sign up for your classes and events for the weekend, there will be a page where we would like for you to put all of basic information such as contact information, lodge information, and special notes for the Conclave staff.

All participants are required to submit the BSA medical forms A and C by arrival at Conclave. Remember the early registration fee of \$32.00 will last until 2/28/2011, after that the fee will be \$37.00, and the late registration fee of \$47.00 will be after 4/1/2011.

We hope to see everyone there at Camp Crooked Creek for Conclave 2011. If you have any questions about online registration fill free to get in contact with Aaron Shepherd at aaron.shepherd@oasection6.org.

Conclave - It's almost here!

By Aaron Shepherd
Section Secretary

Conclave is only a few months away and it's time to start planning and getting ready to attend.

This year, the host lodge is Talligewi Lodge at Camp Crooked Creek near Shephardsville, Kentucky. This year promises to be full of new and improved activities that will promise a fun time for all. Training this year will again be the Conclave University style as

it was last year, this year however there will be the masters level classes for last year graduates.

Other activities include rifle shooting, American Indian Activities such as dancing, beading, and much more. There will also be outstanding food, service, and hospitality from the host lodge Talligewi.

To register, go to registration.oasection6.org. Once there you can either sign up online if your lodge offers

it or if you are from Ahoalan-Natchpikin or Kawida lodge you should download the paper registration form and mail it into your council office. Be sure to check and make sure you have the correct Conclave fee.

I hope to see you at Conclave!



Host Lodge Update

Members of SR-6, greetings from Talligewi Lodge, the host of the upcoming 2011 Conclave.

We have been busy planning for Conclave and getting Camp Crooked Creek ready for one thousand Order of the Arrow members in April.

To accomplish all of this we are recruiting a staff of Order of the Arrow members from across our Lodge, both young and old, and getting them involved in this once in a decade opportunity.

Among the things, we think you will want to know about our plans in the kitchen, our crew has been hard at work planning a great menu which is being

kept top secret but we have heard rumors of smoked brisket for dinner Saturday.

There are also reports of a Friday night movie, X-Box party, and tie-dying for Saturday. Additionally, we have been working with our council to make our shotgun, rifle, and archery ranges available for Conclave which promises to be a blast.

Overall, we think everyone will have a great time at Camp Crooked Creek this coming April and we encourage everyone to come to Conclave as Camp Crooked Creek, it truly is the jewel of our Section's camps.



Pellissippi Lodge Update

It is a true honor to serve as the 2011 Pellissippi Lodge Chief. Our Lodge year officially started this past November with training chairman Ben Pomy's Lodge Leadership Development Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Our special guest, the 2009 National Vice-Chief Dan Higham was in attendance to help out our training staff. The event was an amazing success.

In the next few months we have a busy calendar of events. Our annual Winter Banquet will be on February 12, 2011 at Crowne College in Knoxville, Tennessee. We are very excited to see the lodge gather in recognition of the Arrowmen that went above and beyond the call of duty this past year.

In March we are having our Vigil reunion and Service weekend on the 11-12 and

Spring Fellowship on the 25-27. Also we are really looking forward to Conclave 2011!! This is my second term as Pellissippi Lodge Chief, and my goal for this year is to keep setting the high standards of success for our lodge. You can contact me at chief@pellissippilodge.org

- Aaron Cowan-Banker,
Lodge Chief



OA High Adventure: Northern Tier

By Frank Sturges
OA High Adventure

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes

This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building,

make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country.

The service at the foundation of our Order acts as the cornerstone of this program. During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails in the Superior National Forest or Quetico Provincial Park. This crew is composed of Arrowmen from around the country and led by two outstanding foremen trained in trail building, outdoor skills, and the Scouting and OA programs. During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North

Woods will stand the test of time.

You can attend one of these two-week programs for only \$200. Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit adventure.ou-bsa.org.



Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge Update

We write today to address the state of the Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge. We are pleased to report that, while the pronunciation of our name rests in great peril, the state of our Lodge is strong and is growing stronger.

During the centennial year of the Scouting program, Arrowmen from our lodge attended and staffed the 2010 National Jamboree; our lodge inducted in excess of 200 new members; we hosted or attended ten successful events; and gave of our time (9,500 hours), treasure (nearly \$9,000), and talent to help the

council and the community.

Marking the transition into 2011, our Lodge elected a new leadership team, led by Mike Haskins, our new Lodge Chief. Mike and his team of eagerly excited and dedicated officers have a grand vision and a solid plan for the new year.

Among the pillars of this plan: the reinstatement of the Spirit Award at Section Conclave; attaining Quality Lodge Status by retaining members and induction numbers; have all officers of the Lodge NLS-trained; send contingents to SummitCorps, Indian Summer, and to all Order of the Arrow

High Adventure programs; and to work toward the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award as a way to strengthen our Lodge and our camping program.

While our goals may sound ambitious, our ultimate aim is quite simple: to deliver the promises of Scouting through the brotherhood and good work of the Order.

PS. All we really want is for the section officers to learn how to pronounce our name... (AH-ho-ALL-an—NOTCH-pick-in)

- Mike Haskins, Lodge Chief

Sequoyah Lodge Update

Brothers,

2011 is going to be an action packed year for the lodge. First, we are welcoming in a new professional advisor, Mike DePollo.

Secondly, we want to have a large group going to Conclave in Louisville. Also we have Spring Ordeal coming up May 20-22. We will also be doing

the Chow and Camping at the Expo this year. Our workdays will be spent working on redoing what was formerly Cub Cope at camp. The Fall Ordeal will be August 12-14.

Fall Fellowship will be coming up on September 9-11. The biggest events will most likely be our contingents to SummitCorps and Indian

Summer. Our contingent to SummitCorps will be July 24-30. Indian Summer will be the following week on July 31-August 6.

If you have any questions on any of these events, contact myself or your chapter chiefs. The lodge email account is 184.lodgechief@gmail.com.

- J.D. Lawson, Lodge Chief

2011 National Leadership

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www.oasection6.org/conclave for much
 more information about
 Conclave!

From the Chief

Brothers,

We have moved from one year into another and this new year is flying!!!

Each year as a section we have Conclave at a different camp. This year our Conclave is at Camp Crooked Creep hosted by the Talligewi Lodge of Louisville, Kentucky. For those of you that have been to a Conclave before you know what fun they are but for those of you that don't, it's an experience in itself. There is always something for everyone such as American Indian Activities, Quest, Ceremonies, Special Events and a great time

on Saturday with an opening bash.

Although Conclave is very important to me there are also other very important events and opportunities that OA members have. The National OA High Adventure programs are the best opportunities that we as Arrowmen have, last year you could go to Philmont or Northern Tier for a two week trip of a lifetime.

This year they have added back the OA Ocean High Adventure at the Florida Sea Base but that trip is already full, so if you want to go be sure to get your application in early for

next year.

As I mentioned the programs of emphasis above I didn't tell you what they were. They are Indian Summer and SummitCorps. These two programs only roll around every so often, make sure and take advantage of them while you can. It is up to you what you do with your OA career, you are the one that has the choice to make it big, so I urge you to do so.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Conclave!!!

*Yours in Service,
Mitchell Saulsbury*



**Mitchell Saulsbury,
Section Chief**

From the Vice-Chief

It's a new year and 2011 is going to be nothing short of a blow out! With SummitCorps, Indian Summer, and all three OA High Adventure programs open there is an opportunity to experience Scouting at its best for every Arrowman. These are once in a lifetime opportunities that no scout should miss out on so sign up today!

Over the past few months I

have had the pleasure of visiting Kawida, White Horse, and Ittawamba lodges. These events have been nothing short of a blast including corn-hole tournaments, midnight musical chairs, and proper duck hunting tips. I would like to extend a special thank you to each lodge for your hospitality and great fun, keep up the great work!

On a final note, Conclave is just

a few months away so please promote this fantastic event. The Council of Chiefs has been working very hard to put together a fantastic program for your enjoyment so take advantage of their work and have fun! Hope to see you all soon!

*Yours in Service,
Tom Klug*

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**Tom Klug,
Section Vice Chief**

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NOAC 
Michigan State Univ. 2012
East Lansing
July 30 - August 4

From the desk of the Secretary

Conclave is just around the corner and it is time to start getting people motivated and register.

To help with that, I have created a Lodge Conclave Promotion Kit. This kit will include small ads, newsletter articles, brochures, graphics, and much more to help promote Conclave in each lodge.

A second way I am promoting Conclave this year is, for the first time, counting down Conclave per week on our Facebook page "Section SR-6 Order of the Arrow." Twice a

week a post will be made talking about a different aspect of Conclave. Whether that be the planning process, an activity, or a profile of someone helping with the event. The point is, it will be something regarding Conclave.

The third and final way of promoting Conclave this year is through our Conclave information page,

www.oasection6.org/conclave which has up to date information on all the different activities, special needs request, trading post information, and much more!

These are three great promotion tools that I suggest you spread the word to people you know to keep an eye out for. If you are not signed up on the Facebook page, be sure to do so and get your friends to, too.

In closing, I want to say that this is a great time of the year to get involved in either your lodge, chapter, or troop. It is a new year and it's time to step up, remember "Those that chose you need you."

Yours in Service,

Aaron Shepherd

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**Aaron Shepherd,
Section Secretary**

Advisers Minute

As I was watching the Oprah show today, she was talking about what makes a person happy. Contrary to popular belief, it is not things that make people happy (sorry patch collectors), but it is relationships and life experiences.

As I think about my life I can understand that. For example, I can not remember what I got this past Christmas, much less the year before, but I can remember the experiences and people I met at last year's Jamboree. It is those Scouting experiences and relationships that have meant the most to me these past 40 plus years. From my time as a Cub Scout to my appointment as section

advisor the friends I have made through my journey in scouting has been some of the most rewarding.

My experiences as being a member of the section in five different decades have been tremendous and some of my most memorable. I would not trade them for anything. As I think back on some of the Quest events that stick out for me such as blind tent pitching, baby bottle suck and watching the facial expressions of people while eating a can of sardines, I am reminded of how important my Scouting relationships are to me.

My wish as Section Advisor is to see that everyone has a

positive experience, whether it is at the Conclaves, NOAC, NLS, Indian events or at social events. It is my hope that all scouts, whether they are new or seasoned, can be as fortunate as I have been to form meaningful and long lasting relationships.

As the New Year begins, it is important to take a look at the year ahead. In doing so, it is my hope that the elected officers have positive learning experiences while serving and leading the 5,000 plus people of our section.

Yours in Service,

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