

NOAC 2020

National Order of the Arrow Conference Conference Dates August 3–8, 2020 (Approximate Tour Dates: August 1-8)

More than 6,000 Arrowmen will travel to East Lansing, Michigan, home to the 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University. Arrowmen will participate in a 6 day conference focusing on top notch training sessions, inter-lodge competitions, ceremonial evaluations, dance competitions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and checking out the exciting programs NOAC has to offer. At NOAC, Arrowmen will stay in University housing, eat in the dining halls, and will get to spend a week with their 6,000 new best friends.

<u>Total tour cost is anticipated to not exceed \$950 per person</u>, and the Lodge is planning fundraisers to reduce this cost. The exact reduction to be dependent on the number of participants and the success of the fundraisers. Scholarships may also be available. As a point of comparison, we were able to keep the 2018 NOAC trip at \$800.

The tour fee will include all transportation, accommodations, meals and activities during the trip. Possible tour stops include various Great Lakes region attractions, and the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. The final tour schedule will be determined once the number of participants has been finalized.

There will be Youth to Adult ratio, and the Lodge will be allocated a minimum number of youth and adult registration slots. For the best opportunity to attend, members should submit the registration form with the \$200 deposit as early as possible. A deadline is not yet set, but is expected to be in October or November 2019. This deposit is non-refundable for members who are selected to attend the event, but if you need to cancel it is transferable. Anyone who is not selected to attend will receive a full refund.

In the fall of 2019, the lodge leadership will review all submitted applications and select participants and wait list those not initially selected. While we sincerely wish that we could take everyone who is interested, we must work within our given allocation. A waiting list will be compiled for youth and adult members should a slot open up or the lodge be granted extra slots. Based on past experience, we expect that we will not have trouble getting space for Youth to attend.

Due to the limited space, members, particularly adults, which have previously attended NOAC are encouraged to apply for Staff. Staff registration will open up in Fall 2019 and is done directly with National. 2018 Contingent Adviser Benjamin Heyser, a 2015 NOAC Staff member, will try to answer questions about NOAC staff.

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$200 with initial registration
- \$200 February 15, 2020
- \$200 March 15, 2020
- \$??? May 15, 2020 (to be adjusted based upon final cost)

Any questions, please contact -

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NOAC 2020 Deposit

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My son listed above has my permission to attend the listed event on the dates noted above. I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the New Birth of Freedom Council, Indiana University and all adult leaders from any liability and from any and all claims against them, individually or collectively, for any injuries which might be received during this trip or activity, or in traveling to and from such destinations.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature (Required for under 18 yrs old):_____

Deposit of **\$200** shall be submitted to the Mechanicsburg Service Center.

This deposit is non-refundable, but if you need to cancel it is transferable if a member can be found to attend in your place.

Make checks payable to NBFC.

 Total Remittance
 \$______

 Acct # 1-2371-812-00
 \$_______

Mail to: New Birth of Freedom Council, BSA 1 Baden Powell Ln. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-2344