## January 2020 Regional and National OA News Update

Please share with each of your Lodge's Leadership!

#### **Dallas Planning Meeting Update**



#### Conor Power elected to serve as 2020 Region Chief

Congratulations to our 2020 Northeast Region Chief, elected by the Region Section Chiefs in Dallas - Conor Power. Conor is from Hingham, Massachusetts and is a Vigil Honor member of Tantamous Lodge of Mayflower Council. On top of recently serving as the Section NE-1 chief, he has also had time to attend both the 2017 jamboree as well as the 2018 NOAC. Conor currently attends Stonehill College as a communications major. He plans to serve as a brand identity strategist for nonprofit organizations. To pass the time, Conor enjoys camping and pursuing his hobby of graphic design. Congratulations, Conor!

### Zach Schonfeld - from NE-6A elected to serve as the 2020 National Chief!!



Hailing from Reston, Virginia, Zach is a Vigil Honor member and a Founder's Award recipient from Amangamek-Wipit Lodge. He is a former Section NE-6A chief and served as the Northeast Region NLS Chief of Staff. With goals of becoming a journalist later in life, Zachary studies political communication at George Washington University. When Zachary is not busy being an editor for the student newspaper, he likes to travel and visit national parks. Congratulations, Zachary!

## Ethan Mooney concludes his term as Region Chief



The leadership of the Northeast Region is grateful to Ethan for his year of service as our Region Chief. He spent over 110 days on the road, in uniform, representing the Northeast Region. Ethan was presented with a frame filled with the patches from the events he helped lead this year, a set of all the 2019 Conclave Patches, as well as a few gift cards to take him and a few friends out to dinner. **Thanks**, Ethan, for your service this past year!

#### **Congratulations to our National Service Grant lodge**



Ajapeu Lodge of the Green Mountain Council, headquartered in Waterbury, Vermont, will receive \$2,300 for the construction of a new nature lodge at Camp Sunrise.

#### **NOAC - 2020**

# STEP UP, STEP FOWARD

The NOAC 2020 theme, revealed during the 2019 National Planning Meeting, is STEP UP, STEP FORWARD

Much of NOAC planning at the National Planning Meeting revolved around creating innovative ways to ensure that delegates have a good experience, once again NOAC will be the premiere event in 2020.

The program is being planned by the following Northeast Region Section Chiefs:

Activities and Recreation – Silas Cochran-NE-3A
Communications – Bevan Watson–NE-6B
Conference Festival – Braden Coffman–NE-4B
Engagement – Derek Porter–NE-5 & Charlie Mauro (CVC) – NE-2B
Induction & Ceremonial Events – Christopher Cheslog (CVC) – NE-2A
Special Events – Andrew Larter-NE-3B & Ryan Zavinski (CVC) – NE-4A

From the National Committee meeting, the following were topics of interest.

- OA High Adventure programs Please continue to promote your scholarship programs and opportunities in your Sections/regions. Currently, programs are 35% full. The programs are very cost effective, and there are scholarships to help those in need. Promotion of these events is a never-ending task. Please continue to promote.
- On-Line Section Adviser Training is coming soon being worked on now.
- On-Line Lodge Advisers video training has been recorded and will be released before NOAC.
- Training specific for Section leadership in the induction process at NOAC. Called "Pole Star", the
  training will be a key topic for 2021 ACT conferences. Watch for a request for Section leadership
  enrollment data coming to your in-box soon.
- A new "Broken Arrow" type ceremony was prototyped at the DPM. Watch for details.

- DYLC in 2019, over 85% said DYLC Exceeded their expectations
- NLS in 2019, over 95% rated NLS at Excellent or Above Average

## **Upcoming Region Events**

#### **NLS / DYLC – UPDATE**





Registration is now available: <a href="https://registration.oa-bsa.org/">https://registration.oa-bsa.org/</a>



Please be sure to forward the NLS sign-up information for March/April/November to your Lodge Advisers / Lodge Staff Advisers. Remember NLS and DYLC courses typically fill about 2-3 weeks before the weekend. NLS sign-up information should not be forwarded to individual members.

#### **NLS**

Sending youth and adult members to NLS or Adult Member to DYLC is an excellent way for lodges to develop their leaders. Attendees will learn skills that are directly applicable to the situations they face locally and return home with a renewed passion for the OA program.

It is recommended that youth participants (for NLS) be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. Prior completion of a Lodge Leadership Development course for both youth and adult participants is suggested. The weekend will be challenging and exhausting as it is packed full of interactive sessions.

#### **DYLC**

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference, or DYLC, is an intense weekend conference that provides the tools adult advisers need to mentor and develop outstanding youth leaders. DYLC builds upon the concepts presented at NLS, and it is encouraged that participants have completed the National Leadership Seminar, but <u>not</u> required. Participants will:

- Learn ways to help youth leaders problem solve & analyze situations.
- Practice coaching skills that help youth leaders reach their potential.
- Share best practices with OA adult advisers from across your Region.

#### 2020 Region schedule for Publication

National Leadership Seminar March 13-15, 2020 Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
Developing Youth Leadership Conf. March 13-15, 2020 Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
National Leadership Seminar April 17-19, 2020 Camp Ware, Rising Sun MD
NOAC August 3-8, 2020 MSU, East Lansing, MI University
Gathering of Leaders September 18-20, 2020 Camp Alpine – Section Leadership
National Leadership Seminar November 13-15, 2020 Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
Developing Youth Leadership Conf. November 13-15, 2020 Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
National Planning Meeting - NPM December 27-30, 2020 West Lake, TX – Section Chiefs

## **SOS/GOL – September 18-20, 2020**

The Section Officers Summit, called "Gathering of Leaders" in the Northeast Region, will once again provide renewed emphasis on Conclave planning and program. Our Chief Conor Power will be working hard on the program over the next few months; Sections should anticipate that their Conclave Coordinator (youth) and Conclave Adviser will be invited again this year to attend.

# Service Opportunity for Arrowman!! PhilBreak 2020

#### Your Chance to Help Philmont Get Ready for the 2020 Camping Season

Philmont and the Order of the Arrow are excited to offer OA PhilBreak 2020. This event will consist of a full week's work restoring Philmont's burned and unburned forests. Actual work will include slope stabilization projects, such as log erosion barrier and wattle installation, re-vegetation and forest thinning. By March 2020, the Conservation Department will have the exact details and locations ready to go. Please note these projects are heavily dependent on the weather and road conditions. Should we not be able to do fire restoration there will be other service opportunities available to help Philmont prepare for the 2020 camping season. Only 50 slots will be open to registration per session.

#### <u>Dates</u>

We will offer four sessions. The dates are:

- Feb 29-March 7, 2020
- March 7-14, 2020
- March 14-21 2020
- March 21-28 2020

The cost is only \$105. Registration is now open. The registration deadline is February 15th, 2020. Please see the Registration and Cancellation Policies at the end of this article. Lodging for the entire week will be roofed dormitory type housing at the PTC. Participants will be transported to the worksite every day. Breakfast and dinner will be at the PTC dining hall with trail lunches provided at the worksite.

#### Who Can Attend?

This program is available to Order of the Arrow members 16 years old and above. The minimum age is 16 years by date of participation.

SIGN-UP TODAY: https://registration.oa-bsa.org/Event/1101

# **Thank You!!**

Your Region appreciates all that you do in your leadership role. There are so many great things happening in the Northeast Region, and our youth & adult leaders are making a mark in so many different parts of the national OA program. Thanks for doing your part to promote the excellent program available to our youth at Lodge, Section, Region and National events. **Thank You!!** 

<u>How to reach us</u>- We are available to help you with anything that you need to be successful! Please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

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#### More Region Info is available here:

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