



# NORTHEAST REGION ORDER OF THE ARROW

## January 2019 Regional and National OA News Update

Please share with all your lodges.



### Dallas Planning Meeting Update



#### **Ethan Mooney has been elected to serve as our 2019 Region Chief**

Congratulations to our 2019 Northeast Region Chief, elected by the Region Section Chiefs in Dallas, a few days ago – Ethan Mooney. Ethan is from Zelienople, Pennsylvania and is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award Recipient of Kuskitane Lodge of Moraine Trails Council. He has attended the 2013 and 2017 jamborees as well as the 2015 and 2018 NOACs. Ethan attends Slippery Rock University as a cybersecurity/computer science major. He plans to serve as a technology security expert or assist in government operations.



#### **Matt Parson from NE-6A has been elected to serve as the 2019 National Chief!**

Hailing from Millsboro, Delaware, Matt is a Vigil Honor member from Nentego Lodge. He is a former Section NE-6A chief and served as the conference vice chief at the 2018 NOAC. Matt studies architectural engineering at Delaware Technical Community College with plans to design residential homes after graduating. Congratulations, Matt!



## **Justin St. Louis concludes his term as 2018 Region Chief**

The leadership of the Northeast Region is grateful to Justin for his year of service as our Region Chief. He spent over 100 days on the road in uniform, representing the Northeast Region. Justin was presented with a frame filled with the patches from the events he helped lead this year, a set of all the 2018 Conclave Patches and he was recognized with a James E. West Fellowship. *Justin, thank you for your service this past year!*

## **National program of Emphasis in 2019! – “Focus 19”**

**Conclave 2.0** – Conclaves plays a crucial role in training, inspiration and has the potential to help lodges build program and membership. This task force will focus on conclaves – analyzing their purpose and explore any changes that should be considered.

**Data Analysis** – responsible for leveraging all data points available through Lodge JTE and help drive towards solving problems. This committees’ focus is to build solutions and validate best practices.

**National Webinar** – to be held October 19, 2019 – Responsible for the logistics, preparation and execution of the first ever National Webinar – **Lodges please add this date to your 2019 Calendars!!**

**Lodge Performance** – Develop processes, guidelines and tools to help lodges make an impact to their unit election rates, induction rates and activation rates.

**OA Hackathon** – to be held June 26-30, 2019 at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign – more details to come.

Much of the planning at NPM this year revolved around our FOCUS 19 initiative. The programs are being planned by the following Northeast Region Section Chiefs:

### **Conclave 2.0**

Admin – Victor Hinojosa & Ryan Palmer

Content – John Zanin & Jeremy Bedient – Focus Vice Chief (FVC)

### **Lodge Performance**

Activation Rate – Noah McGovern

Induction Rate – Collin Heckman

Election Rate – Charlie Mauro

OA Hackathon – Travis Militello

## **Save the Date**

**NOAC 2020 – August 3 through 9 at Michigan State University.**  
***We hope to see you there!!***

## **Congratulations to our five NER National Service Grant lodges announced at the planning meeting:**

Since 1999, the National OA Committee has annually selected lodges from each region to receive matching service grants. For 2019, 15 lodges in councils across the nation were chosen to receive a combined total of \$34,500 in matching grants via the OA Service Grant program.

The following 4 grants were awarded within the Northeast Region:

**Catamount Lodge of the Heart of New England Council**, headquartered in Lancaster, Massachusetts, will receive \$5,000 for the renovation of the Green Cabin at Camp Wanocksett.

**Kittan Lodge of the Twin Rivers Council**, headquartered in Albany, New York, will receive \$2,100 to help develop a new ATV Trek course with a permanent building at Camp Wakpominee.

**Witauchsoman Lodge of the Minsi Trails Council**, headquartered in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, will receive \$2,100 to rebuild the Stone Arrow Ceremony Circle at Trexler Scout Reservation.

**Wunita Gokhos Lodge of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council**, headquartered in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will receive \$1,900 to update the swimming and boating docks at Bashore Scout Reservation.

### **Some Topics of Interest.**

- **National Scouting Historian Summit** to be held at Philmont this summer – June 9-15 – see the national website for more info!
- **OA High Adventure programs** – Please continue to promote your scholarship programs and opportunities in your Sections/Regions. Currently, programs are 25% full. The programs are very affordable and there are scholarships to help those in need. Promotion of these events is a never-ending task. Please continue to promote these.
- **NOAC Summary** – 5222 Delegates, 1445 Staff – 84% of post conference survey rated NOAC Excellent or Above Average!!
- **DYLC** – in 2018, over 82% said the new DYLC – Exceeded their expectations
- **NLS**- in 2018, over 95% rated the new NLS at Excellent or Above Average
- **All the NER JTE / Re-charters and Signature pages are completed – Thank you!!**

### **Upcoming Region Events**

#### **NLS / DYLC**

##### **About the NLS**

Sending youth and adult members to NLS or Adult Members 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. They will 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.

## About the 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 not required. Participants will:

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

## Registration for the March NLS/DYLC, April (NLS only) and November NLS/DYLC is now open at: <https://registration.oa-bsa.org/>

Here is the region schedule for the coming year. Lodges, please publish.

National Leadership Seminar	March 8 – 10, 2019	Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
Developing Youth Leadership Conf. Lodge Advisers & Staff Advisers	March 8 – 10, 2019	Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
National Leadership Seminar	April 26 – 28, 2019	Camp Bucoco, Slippery Rock, PA
Gathering of Leaders Section Leadership	September 20 – 22, 2019	Camp Alpine, NJ
National Leadership Seminar	November 8 – 10, 2019	Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
Developing Youth Leadership Conf. Lodge Advisers & Staff Advisers	November 8 – 10, 2019	Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ
National Planning Conference Section Chiefs	December 27 – 30, 2019	West Lake, TX

## SOS/GOL – September 20-22, 2019

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 Ethan Mooney will be working hard on the program over the next few months. Sections should anticipate that both their Conclave Coordinator (youth), and their Conclave Adviser (adult) will be invited to participate again this year.

## Service Opportunity for Arrowman!!

### PhilBreak 2019

Philmont and the Order of the Arrow are excited to offer OA PhilBreak 2019. This event will consist of a full week preparing Philmont for the 2019 camping season. Following the fires of 2018, Philmont needs our help to accommodate campers once again. Actual work will include slope stabilization projects, such as log erosion barrier and wattle installation, as well as re-vegetation, campsite installation, and forest thinning. By March 2019, the Philmont 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. Though there is no guarantee that fire restoration will be the main project, there are many service opportunities available to help Philmont prepare for the summer. Only 50 slots will be open for each session, filled in the order that registrations are received. Visit [registration.oa-bsa.org](https://registration.oa-bsa.org/) to register today!

There are three sessions available: March 16-23, March 23-30, and March 30-April 6. The cost is only \$100; note, this does not include travel arrangements. The registration deadline is February 15th, 2019. Lodging for the entire week will be indoor dormitory type housing at the Philmont Training Center (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.

Participants are required to be registered with the BSA and a member of the Order of the Arrow. 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. This OA PhilBreak program will require hard work, long hours, good crew spirit and a sense of humor. This program is not leisurely; it is of similar or greater difficulty than a normal Philmont Trek, and participants should be able to carry a 50 lb pack. Participants should be comfortable digging, dragging debris, and moving heavy loads. The Order of the Arrow reserves the right to return the entire registration fee of any person who would be inappropriate for this program. **SIGN-UP TODAY!**

### **Thank You!!**

Your Region Key 3 appreciates all that you do in your leadership role. There are so many great things happening in the Northeast Region. Our youth and adult leaders are making a mark in so many different parts of the national OA program. Thank you for doing your part to promote the excellent program available to our youth at Lodge, Section, Region and National events. **Thank You!!**

**How to reach the Key 3-** We are available to help you with anything that you need in order to be successful! Please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

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You can find more Region Information here:

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