



## Conclave—It's just around the corner!

It's that time of the year again, Conclave time. If you have not registered with your lodge, or online, be sure to do so. The event is only a few weeks away!

For Arrowmen who have never attended a Conclave, here is a synopsis of what it is. Each year the section plans a weekend filled with events where the entire section comes together. Around a thousand Arrowmen normally show up and on

Saturday morning there is training. After lunch starts the real fun: quest games and AIE events! Quest games are a series of mini-games that test Scouts skills and strengths in a fierce competition between the lodges. At this years Conclave, we plan to setup the world's longest slip n' slide! Be sure to bring your swim trunks. After the evening activates, the Campfire, previously called Shows, starts. This themed show includes lights, sound, pyrotechnics and

much more! It is the one thing at Conclave you do not want to miss.

Conclave 2010 will be the best Conclave we have had in years. The committees and their chairman have spent months preparing for this event and it is going to be a blast!

Be sure to check out the section website and find out more information about Conclave such as how to sign up for training and online registration.

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## Don Combs to serve as 2010 Region Chief

Don Combs is a member of Kawida Lodge and is a two term section chief. During the National Planning meeting in Dallas, he was elected among other section chiefs in this region to serve as the 2010 Southern Region Chief. Don has served as our

section chief for two years and is still today an active member of our section.

Don is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, Venturing Silver, Arrow of Light, Founders Award Recipient, William T. Hornaday, Silver Recipient, Chapter Chief, Two-Term Lodge Chief, Two-Term

Section Chief, and now, Region Chief.

Don is the first national level officer that our section has had in many years and we wish him the best of luck.



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**Section Chief,  
Mitchell Saulsbury**

## Chiefly Speaking

Arrowmen,

It's getting close to that time of year again; Conclave time! Every year it seems that Conclave sneaks up just a little faster than the year before, and this year I am ready.

As I am sure you already know, this is Scouting's 100th anniversary, so this Conclave will promise to be a very special one.

This year, there will be

many new and different things that will be happening at Conclave thanks to the host lodge.

One of which is a 100th anniversary birthday bash for Scouting. On Saturday, the big day for everything, we will offer training sections in a new way that has never been seen with more excitement than ever for everyone to enjoy. Also on Saturday, ceremonies and AIE judging will be

going on, so if you think your ceremonies team is good or you are a good dancer make sure to compete. You never know who will win first prize, it might just be you!

I encourage all Arrowmen of all ages to attend what will be one of the most promising and fun Conclaves in SR-6 history!!! I hope to see you there!

Yours in Service,  
*Mitchell Saulsbury*  
Section Chief



**Alex Hill,  
Section Vice Chief**

## From the Vice Chief

My Fellow Arrowmen,

Thank-you for the opportunity to serve as the Section Vice Chief for the next few months up until Conclave! I have many great things planned for the Lodge Assistance Program within our Section. Several improvements can be made, and we're working on it. As a reminder, Conclave is just a few short three weeks away, and YOU need to help promote it!

History will be made at

Boxwell Scout Reservation

on April 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It's going to be an awesome weekend to spend time with your brothers from other Lodge's. If you haven't already, go ahead and sign up via this link:

[registration.oasection6.org](http://registration.oasection6.org)

New for 2010, is the Online Section Trading Post. Get your polo shirts, and patches before you even get to Conclave so that you'll be able to focus on having fun, and getting some awesome training!

I've had a blast since I was elected as Secretary in 2009, and since then I've traveled to six Lodge's in our Section. So many memories have been made, and friendships that will never be forgotten.

Thank-you for giving me this opportunity and allowing me to show the Lodge's that the Section cares.

Yours in Service,  
*Alex Hill*  
Section Vice-Chief

## From the Secretary

Fellow Arrowmen,

Conclave is just around the corner, I can already feel the excitement in the air. I would like to thank for everyone's support and cooperation with the lodges the last few months. I was elected into this position at the last COC and I quickly went to work with communicating to everyone to make sure

we have the best Conclave.

I'm also gearing up for my double duty at Conclave, serving as the training committee chairman and as section secretary. Training this year is completely new and is now a college with different programs. Be sure to preregister for training or else you will have a limited amount of classes to choose from

once you arrive on site.

I hope to see everyone at Conclave and I hope we all have a great time! Camp Boxwell is a great place to have a Conclave and this year should be one of the best. See you there!

Yours in service,  
*Aaron Shepherd*  
*Section Secretary*

## From the Adviser

Arrowmen,

A word of warning for anyone interested in running for a section office, I hope you like to travel. This year, our officers traveled to almost every lodge at least once, sometimes even twice. Serving on the section level involves a lot more than just planning a yearly Conclave, but also promoting it and checking in on the lodges.

That takes me to a recent trip I made visiting our brothers at Chicksa Lodge in Mississippi for a

day of training and a banquet. The lodge only has around 200 registered members, 75 of those 200 were in attendance at this one event!

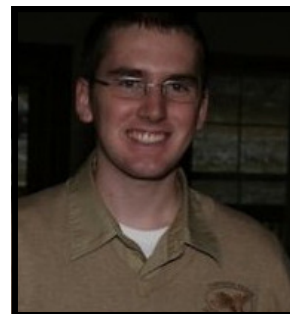
Sharing information and promoting brotherhood through the section can really be a powerful force for positive growth in your lodge. I've seen lodges in our very section transform themselves solely because the youth started taking a closer look at what their brother lodges were up to. The change didn't come from adult advisers, it came from engaged youth

leaders who looked to their brothers in other parts of the section to help show them a better way to lead.

We can all learn from each other. That's why I think that Conclave is one of the most important events in the OA each year. This year, try and make a new friend from another lodge, and you can have your own Conclave any time of the year.

Yours in service,  
*Carl Head*  
*Section Adviser*

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**Section Secretary,  
Aaron Shepherd**



**Carl Head,  
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## Lodge Spotlight Ahoalan-Natchpikin Sequoyah

### Lodge Spotlight: Ahoalan-Natchpikin

The year 2009 was successful for our lodge. We hosted two Ordeals in which we inducted 200 new members in to our lodge, and we had close to 100 members make the conversion to Brotherhood. Our lodge remains a leader in promoting OA High Adventure by sending not only the largest

numbers in the section, but some of the largest numbers nationally to the three High Adventure Bases. We are currently developing a scholarship system to offer this opportunity to even more Arrowmen.

This past NOAC, we sent a contingent of about thirty people to attend the National Order of the Arrow

Conference. We also had many officers attend the National Leadership Seminar. In 2008, many of our Arrowmen spread our name west as a contingent to Bridger Teton in attendance to Arrowcrops<sup>5</sup>. Although we are a fairly young Lodge, Ahoalan-Natchpikin is making an impact in the world of Scouting. "We Who Love the Outdoors," shows the

upmost pride in all that we do, and we are glad to help build the reputation of our section. We look forward to meeting our constantly rising goals as well as another year completely devoted Cheerfully Serving alongside our Brothers. Happy Birthday BSA, 2010 is going to rock!



### Lodge Spotlight: Sequoyah

Sequoyah lodge has had a fantastic year so far! We are currently finishing up our troop elections, inducting youth who we believe have all the traits of future leaders.

We have also been busy helping the council with their new "Frontier Camp" program that they will

offer during the summer by building some 20 platforms for the remote campsite. Here, Scouts will be able to come to Camp Davy Crockett during the summer and live in the 17th century; dressing the part, shooting black powder rifles, working with the blacksmith at the

forge, and so much more!

As conclave draws closer, we are making preparations to bring close to 100 Arrowmen and show spirit that can come only from Sequoyah lodge. I won't give away our detailed plans, but I encourage you to come and check

us out.

We are also pleased that our very own Mitchell Saulsbury was elected as our new SR-6 Section Chief and we congratulate, and thank, him on his hard work!





## Section 6—Southern Region

# From around the Section..



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