

Section SR-7B Order of the Arrow

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# Meet the Section: Vice Chief of Training

Talon Parker of Croatan Lodge is Section SR7B's Vice Chief of Training for this year. As VCT, Talon is in charge of organizing the Order of the Arrow eXperience at Conclave, as well as other training opportunities in the section. This month, hear what he has to say about his role in serving the section and getting ready for OAX.

Q: How did you get involved in OA leadership?

A: My first leadership position in my lodge is what really got me interested in the OA. I was the chairman of brotherhood and to this day it is still my favorite job I have ever had. Having a leadership position gave me a sense that I was needed, which I think all Arrowmen should feel. I am glad to have met a lot of cool people in the OA that I regularly communicate with today.

Q: Why are you interested in working on the section level?

A: The thing that mainly interests me on the section level is that I get to meet Arrowmen from around the state and see how each lodge works.

Q: What have you gained as Vice Chief of Training?

A: One of the things I have gained is greater public speaking skills and a better sense of urgency when it comes to deadlines.

Q: What is your favorite part of Conclave?

A: My favorite part about Conclave is the Friday and Saturday night shows. I participate in community theatre often so seeing what the service lodge has put together always entertains me. At NOAC, I was privileged to be a part of the shows team and hope that we can be just as entertaining on the section level.

Q: Is there going to be anything new at OAX in 2016?

A: There will be a few new things at OAX, but the only way to find out is to go to Conclave!

## O.A.X.

The Order of the Arrow eXperience, or OAX, provides the most fun of any other learning opportunities in the Order. You may have seen some dorky trade shows at other conferences, but this is the real deal.

An integral part of Conclave, this event includes dozens of interactive exhibits showcasing the outdoor products, high adventure, and careers that Scouts love.

In 2016, expect a great show ranging from tomahawk throwing to vehicle displays and everything in between. Plus, lunch will be served at OAX, located right in the middle of Camp Boddie. Section VCT Talon Parker and his team is working to make this the best OAX yet.



## Sign up for Conclave Today!

Conclave 2016 will be held April 15-17 at Camp Boddie at 419 Camp Bonner Boy Scout Road, Blounts Creek NC 27814.

The theme is "Breaking the Barriers, Bonding in Brotherhood" and we are expecting well over 1000 Arrowmen to attend! Tell all of your OA friends about it and make sure they come. Don't forget to sign up today at the link below.

[Sign up Here](#)



## What's up with Occoneechee?

Brothers of SR7B,

My name is Gray Barnhill and I am the lodge chief of Occoneechee Lodge #104. This year has started off well with our Awards Banquet that was just held in October. The next year is going to be a great step into the next 100 years of our Order. The executive committee of Occoneechee is also hard at work planning our Spring Pow-Wow event and our exciting surprises at Conclave. The main planning of our service to Camp Durant took place at our Lodge Leadership Development weekend held this month at Campbell University. A lot can be done when our lodge 1900+ Arrowmen strong! Occoneechee is ready to take the next step into the next century and we hope you all will be there with us!

See you at Conclave!

W.W.W.

Gray Barnhill

Occoneechee Lodge Chief





## Visit Camp Durant

Camp Durant is the primary summer camping facility of the Occoneechee Council. Camp Durant is a part of the Occoneechee Scout Reservation, in northwestern Moore County, North Carolina.

Camp Durant operates as a full-service summer camp for the Scouts of the Occoneechee Council during the months of June, July and August. The Council currently offers five weeks of summer camp and a half week of Cub Scout resident camp.

Camp Durant has fourteen campsites, each divided into two sides. Each campsite also has a shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers and three flushing toilets. These shower houses also allow for electric power during summer camp. The entire camp has also been wired with fiber optic cables, which allows for both wired and wireless high speed internet connections.

Our 700-seat Grand Lodge is a fully air conditioned dining hall and seats the entire camp population at one setting, and boasts four serving lines. It as well has a full-service Trading Post and Grill below it.

If you're interested in bringing your Troop to Camp Durant, please continue to our website: [campdurant.com](http://campdurant.com)

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