

### Message from the Chief

Brothers,

I hope everyone has had an awesome summer and took advantage of some of the opportunities that scouting presented. As the scouting year starts up, the section leadership is already working hard to prepare for the Cardinal Conclave at Camp Raven Knob on April 21-23. We have some amazing ideas for Conclave but we also want to hear what you would like to see at Conclave this year. You can send your ideas to your lodge chief or you email one of the elected section officers.

We look forward to a great year in the Order of the Arrow and Scouting, and we hope to see you at both Conclave and LINK this year. There will be plenty of opportunities for brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service within activities planned on the lodge, section, and national level but these opportunities are only available if you take the initiative to start your journey.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Talon Parker

2016-2017 Section Chief



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# Have you heard of Operation Arrow?

Operation Arrow, is the Order's initiative to contribute staff, service, and support to the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. Over 750 Arrowmen will answer the call to further serve our organization in three key areas. Ranging from the OA Service Corps, to the Indian Village, there is a niche available for every Arrowman. The staffing experience provides an entirely new perspective on attending a National Scout Jamboree.



#### Memories from Prism

By: Owen Clapp

Nestled in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia, the Summit Bechtel Reserve has been home to many important events and locations in both the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America. It was the location of the 2013 National Jamboree, will be the location of the 2017 National Jamboree, is where the new National Order of the Arrow ceremony ring is, the summit circle, and was were the Prism program was provided. There were many sessions throughout the summer of this year. There were many different attendees from across the Order and from our region and section.

Delegates experienced the various high adventure opportunities available on the reserve, had various sessions regarding past reflection and looking ahead to the future of the Order and how each participant was a part of that direction. One participant from our section, Connor Bardin, of Occoneechee Lodge #104, was able to reflect He related that "it was not what he expected at all" but that he had fun regardless. Bardin described how "it was really neat that I got to just sit down and chat with Jeff Sedlacek, our southern region chief." It was an unforgettable experience for all in attendance.

#### Stay Connected!

Social media is one of the best ways to learn about what's going on throughout SR-7B and the Order of the Arrow as a whole. Be sure to keep up with our communications as **Conclave registration will be opening on October 31!** Before Conclave we will be hosting a few giveaways for both those who interact with our social media and register early.







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## Contribute to The Apensuwi

Is there something fun and exciting going on in your chapter or lodge that you would like to share with the rest of the section? Let us know!

If you have an article that you would like included in the next edition of the Apensuwi, or have any feedback regarding this edition, feel free to contact the Section Secretary at <a href="mailto:secretary@sr7b.org">secretary@sr7b.org</a>

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