



Brothers,

I hope that everyone has had an outstanding summer and took advantage of some of the great Scouting opportunities like OA High Adventure or the National Jamboree. While the fall Scouting season is just getting started, the section leadership team has been hard at work planning Conclave. Our team has been introducing some amazing and innovative ideas for the upcoming Conclave at Cherokee Scout Reservation, but we would also love input from you to make Conclave an even better experience. If you have an idea, please reach out to your lodge chief or email one of the section officers. We are very eager to hear what you have to say!

I am looking forward to meeting many of you during lodge visits this fall and at Conclave or the section's returning AIA weekend event. There are many opportunities over the next year for brotherhood, service, and fellowship going on from the chapter level to the national level. Engage in your units, chapters, and lodges to take advantage of all that Scouting has to offer.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Sean Alewine

2017 Section Chief



From left to right: Nicholas Anderson, Simon Harris, Alex Schultz, Sean Alewine

Meet the Officers

Section Chief: Sean Alewine

Sean Alewine lives in Greensboro and is a member of Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge. He has served as both a chapter chief, lodge vice chief and filled multiple lodge chairman positions. Notably, he has spent over a year serving on the national communications team. He has served on Woodfield Camp Staff for two years and plans to return during the summer of 2017.

Vice Chief Program: Alex Schultz

Alex is from Wilmington, NC and has lived there his whole life. He is currently in high school. One of his favorite activities is heading to the beach with friends for the day. He is looking forward to making this year's Conclave exciting and fun for all Arrowmen.

Vice Chief Training: Simon Harris

Simon is a member and committee chairman of Croatan Lodge. He has previously served on his lodge's executive committee. Simon is currently a senior at the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience. He also enjoys the woods and is a member of his school's outdoors skills team.

Secretary: Nick Anderson

Nicholas Anderson is from Wake Forest, NC and a member of Occoneechee Lodge. He also serves as the

National Visual Media Lead for the Order of the Arrow and the Lodge Chief for Occoneetchee Lodge. Nicholas is currently studying Computer Information Systems (BSBA) at Appalachian State University. He's excited to help spread the message of the Section.



Your Journey Begins with AIA

Regardless of the location and date of your Ordeal, your journey in the Order of the Arrow was initiated with a ceremony team. After numerous hours of youth ceremonialists memorizing lines, adult advisers coaching their performance, craftsman researching and constructing pieces of regalia, and a support team prepping the site for your arrival; the stage was finally set. Countless hours were spent by numerous individuals to make that fifteen-minute ceremony as impactful as possible. Ceremonies and all the roles that take place behind the scenes are only a small portion of the American Indian Affairs (AIA) Program. The AIA Program in Croatan Lodge has been created over several years and is the result of the efforts of various adult and youth who were committed to its success. As with any faction of the Order, the pillars of a successful AIA program are promotion, communication, organization, and commitment.

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Recounting the Operation Arrow Experience

I stepped onto the bus and looked back over my shoulder to soak in every last detail I could of the SBR and told myself, “see you in four years.”

That was in 2013 when I served as a Trek Guide. This summer, I returned to the Summit Bechtel Reserve and was once again a part of “the zesty blues” as a member of the OA Headquarters staff. I specifically worked on mass mobilization efforts for Unit Arrival Day (UAD) and stadium show gatherings – a very different experience than what I had in 2013. During the 2013 National Jamboree, I was a “boot on the ground”, interacting with participants as a tour guide during UAD and as an usher during stadium shows. My experiences from 2013 proved to be beneficial in my decisions and endeavors because this time I was the one overseeing these critical operations of over 600 staff members – the largest OA staff in Jamboree history.

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Registration Now Open for NOAC

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is quickly approaching. This summer, NOAC will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The conference will take place July 30th to August 4th, 2018. There will be many different training opportunities, including AIA training and competitions, communications, program, leadership and everything in between. Ask anyone who attended NOAC in 2015 and they'll tell you it was one of the most enjoyable weeks of their life.


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