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PRE-ORDER MEMORABILIA

Whether you need a gift for one of your family members or want to keep the memories of Conclave alive, preorder your Conclave memorabilia today at register.sr7b.org!



SERVICE PROJECT - NOT ONE BUT THREE

We are three and a half months away from Conclave, the biggest OA event of the year, meaning that we are quickly approaching the execution of the Section SR-7B Service Project. Just like every year, it requires your help to get it done! This year, we will be performing three service projects at Conclave. Yes, three of them making, service a large aspect of this year's program! Anyone is welcome to participate in either of the projects.

The first project, which will be executed on Friday during check-in, and will be a canned food drive to help benefit the Sacred Pathways Soup Kitchen & Pantry. Get excited, because the project will also be a competition between the lodges! The lodge who brings the most pounds of food per lodge participant will be the winner and receive a special prize! All food brought must be nonperishable.

The second project, which will be held on Saturday morning during OAX, is putting together packages of supplies to help displaced families within the local area. The project will be located near the Dining Hall and won't require much of your time to complete. So if you have a few extra minutes on your hands in the morning, come on out and make a package or two, because a few minutes is all you need to bring a smile to a person's face.

The third will be a Blood Drive from 9am to 2pm on Saturday. If you would like to donate, you can either indicate your interest on your conclave registration form, or contact Brett Warner at brett@brettwarner.com.

Nonetheless, this is going to be a great year for service! I hope to see you there and whether if it is for four minutes or for four hours your help will be appreciated.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brandon Kelly
2013-14 Service Coordinator



To find out more about Sacred Pathways, visit www.sacredpathwaysnc.org

COUNTDOWN TO CONCLAVE

It's officially less than 15 weeks until Conclave! To get things rolling, we are going to start giving away a pair of these sunglasses every other week leading up to Conclave! To find out more about how to win a pair and claim your prize, like us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SR7BConclave> and stay up to date on our posts!

Zach Brown
2013-2014 Promotions Chairman



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development for youth arrowmen. Run by the Region Chief, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. NLS will provide participants with:

- A challenging, inspiring, and enjoyable learning experience
- A better understanding of the skills of leadership, and how to apply them
- A better understanding of themselves and of other people
- A realization that, with practice and work, everyone can improve their leadership skills
- An understanding that leadership skills work in tandem with one another
- An understanding that different situations require the application of different leadership skills
- A model with which to evaluate themselves and others in the use of leadership skills

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA's service to the council.

This year's NLS and NLATS will be held in Antioch, TN from February 28th – March 2nd. If you would like to attend, you will need to register by February 14th , but spots fill up fast so if you would like to go, register soon! For more information, [click here](#).



THE SECTION COLLECTION



Sign up for conclave at www.sr7b.org

NATIONAL PLANNING MEETING

Once a year Section Chiefs and Advisers gather from across the nation in Dallas, Texas to plan for the coming year and elect new region and national officers.

This year's National Officers are:

National Chief: Nick Danemiller from Wauna La Mon'Tay Lodge and Pacific Council

National Vice Chief: Taylor Bobrow from Blue Heron Lodge and Tidewater Council

Southern Region Chief: Wesley Semen from Ma-Nu Lodge and Last Frontier Council

To find out more about this year's National Officers, visit

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/2014-national-officer-biographies>

This year's planning meeting resulted in many exciting new items for 2014 including a new Brotherhood Ceremony to be released midyear, and an new program called Arrowtour. Arrowtour will visit lodges during summer camp to promote the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Our Southern Region coordinator for Arrowtour is Hunter Brown, Section Chief of SR 2-3 N. Another event to look forward to is the National One Day of Service. Like our Section One Day of Service, during this event, lodges from across the country will go out into the community and give service. For more information about Arrowtour or the National One Day of Service, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/arrowtour-and-one-day-of-service-round-out-trio-of-centennial-events>



WHAT'S UP LODGE 104?

Happy New Year, SR-7B!

Occoneechee has a great year ahead of us starting with our February Drum and Workday in February! Arrowmen from across the lodge will come to Camp Durant on February 15th to learn about the ways of the drum and help give service to the Council. In March, we will have our first ordeal of the year allowing about a third of our Ordeal candidates to attend Conclave in April. We started this practice last year as a way to increase our numbers for the 2013 Conclave so that we could provide the best service possible. Recognizing its benefits, our Executive Committee has made it a permanent addition to our lodge calendar.

We have two other Ordeals offered throughout the year. Our Spring Inductions weekend in May allows us to get Camp Durant prepared for the over two thousand campers that come in June and July, while our Fall Fellowship weekend in September gives us an opportunity to clean up from Summer Camp and prepare the camp for Fall and Winter Camping. This event is also when we hold our Webelos OA weekend designed at providing an opportunity for Webelos to learn about the drum and dancing while also participating in fun activities such as archery and choker necklace making. The weekend ends on a high note with a powwow that the Webelos get to participate in.

Due to the success of Conclave last year, our lodge has pledged our support to our council for the 2014 Camporee, Ignite the Spirit. We are working to design and implement a great program in addition to staffing the event. Through the camporee we hope to help others "ignite their spirit" for scouting.

Another change that our Executive Committee has made to the lodge calendar is to move up our evening Winter Banquet usually held in December to October and make it a weekend long event. The weekend is designed to be a "fun event" with chapter competitions, AIA training, and service. It will also allow our new ordeal members from September to enjoy lodge fellowship before the end of the year.

We look forward to another great year of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service and cannot wait for Conclave in April!



SECTION SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Kelly is a member of Occoneechee Lodge, where he has served as the Vice Chief of Communications in 2013. He has been very involved with his chapter, Yamni Wapka where he served as chapter chief. Brandon has also attended the 2010 National Jamboree the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference, and served on the 2013 National Jamboree Staff as a trek guide and medical assistant. This year, Brandon is our Service Committee Chairman.



Eli Jordon is from Nayawin Rar Lodge and is serving as this year's Vice Chief of Program for SR-7B. In the past he has served as our Awards and Recognitions Chairman and also within his troop. Eli is a senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Math and plans on attending the University of Alabama. He looks forward to the 2015 Conclave hosted by Nayawin Rar.



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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, Stephen Frein at secretary@sr7b.org



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