

# W E W S Ě W A K À N

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Gents,

As I look outside and notice that the weather is becoming colder and the leaves scatter from their trees, I'm reminded that Section C-2's inaugural year is nearly half over. Although I'm excited about what we have accomplished already, I'm even more excited for the second half of the year. As December fades into the New Year, the Section calendar becomes increasingly full of section fellowships, seminars, and other lodge events. For example, I am looking forward to visiting each of your lodges as annual banquets and winter fellowships approach. But, above all, I'm looking forward to the first Section C-2 Conclave the most.

Section Conclave, which will be held at D-bar-A Scout Ranch on the first weekend of May, will be a weekend

full of unsurpassed adventure. And because conclave will be held on a ranch, it seemed only right that the Council of Chiefs chose a western theme. This year's official theme, *Wild Wild West: What does WWW mean to you?*, will give you a chance to participate in a variety of OA trainings, fellowship activities, and awesome shows – all while wearing your cowboy get-up! So, be sure to grab your best cowboy boots, your biggest belt buckle, and your old flannel shirts and head over 'yonder to D-bar-A. This weekend event will be sure to rival NOAC!

While I look at the conclave theme a little closer, I realize that *what WWW means to me* is even more important than the cowboy hats and boots. For example, about two years, I listened to an OA election speech in which the question, "what does WWW mean?" was posed to the nominees. I distinctly

remember that one nominee's answer was: "World War Won." And although his answer generated quite a large amount of laughter, I couldn't help but think that it potentially means much more. Seeing as how the theme for conclave asks what does *WWW mean*

*to you?*, I'm assuming that I'll finally be able to find out the answer for myself. Therefore, while you're trying to contain your excitement before Section Conclave (I know I'll be wearing my cowboy hat for days before in anticipation), I challenge you to think about what WWW truly means to you. Is it simply "World War Won," or is it something deeper? Then, at Section Conclave, we'll find out the true meaning of WWW, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui together.

With Brotherly Love,  
Jonathon McCormick



Question? Submissions? Interested in serving on the committee?  
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Hey All,

I am Mitchell Pierpont and I am your Section C2 Secretary. My goal for this year is to establish a template for future Section Secretaries to be able to follow for years to come. I have had many experiences through scouting, and intend to use my experiences to better myself as a leader and help all arrowmen that I can. This coming year, there is an opportunity for all Arrowmen to extend their leadership abilities, gain experiences, and meet new friends. Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps. All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the jamboree site. This will be the largest OA Service Corps contingent in history and the Order is looking for the best Arrowmen in the organization to join Project 2013. I encourage anyone who is interested to pursue this endeavor for a lifelong memory and a chance to better yourself. I look forward to working with all the Arrowmen of section C2 in the future and doing everything I can to be the best Section Secretary I can be.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mitchell K. Pierpont



Brothers,

We are excited to be serving the youth of Southern Shores FSC. We started in our creation process in December of 2011. We met in different parts of southern MI in efforts to come up a name and totem. After much discussion we decided on the name Kishahtek which translates to northern lights in Lenne Lenape. We also stated that the wolverine which was a past symbol of two legacy lodges of manitous 88 and Nacha-Mawat. We incorporated the name's meaning and the totem into our standard issue patch shown above. I look forward to working with this new section to better deliver camp promotions to our Michigan Crossroads Council camps. We are working extensively to plan our upcoming winter banquet and figuring logistics for having to cub scout camps in need of service within our FSC. Our main focus for this upcoming year is to bring the lodge's program to are members within the unit.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Wieber



## Nateapu Shohpe Lodge

Brothers,

This is Brandon Sinclair, the Nataepu Shohpe Lodge Chief out of the President Ford Council. In the past I have served within my chapter as the Vice Chapter Chief and as the Cub Ceremonies Chairman. I have also been on the Nacha Tindey Lodge Executive Committee for two years where I have held two chairmen positions and have been the Vice Chief of Program. While I was Vice Chief of Program I also served on the transition committee with many Indian Drum and Nacha Tindey lodge leaders.

While I served on the transition committee I witnessed the impact of this transition across President Ford Council and also within our state. I saw the positive and negative aspects, but I saw a challenge, and I saw a chance to help. This chance is to make the first impact within a lodge. Many people do not get to do this; after all lodges aren't created every day, as we all know.

In the beginning of our transition the youth of the committee decided to "make the cake first, and then put the frosting on afterwards". This saying symbolized that we were putting the operations of the lodge first, not the lodge name, number, totem, and flap. Lodges can operate with those, if needed. So we hammered out a by-laws proposal, lodge operations manual, lodge budget, chapter boundaries proposal, as well as a few proposals including the calendar year. After we had reached a point where we had mostly finished these things we decided that it was time to put something new on our plate. We had to decide on the lodge name. After a long meeting, we had finally compiled a list of possible lodge names. We then brought the vote to the active arrowmen which attended Indian Drum's Spring Fellowship and at Nacha Tindey's Spring Conclave (these events were on the same weekend). After counting the ballots there was a majority reached for the lodge name. The lodge name was to be Nataepu Shohpe. This name is Lenni Lenape and it translates to "guardians on the shore".

Two of the challenges that the transition committee faced were the decision on the lodge flap and also how we would "pull" people to our fall events. After much

brainstorming we decided to go with the idea of a half patch. After the end of the Fall Ceremonies weekend at Gerber we would hand out the first patch, which is the left side. Then at the end of the Fall Voting weekend at Greilick we would hand out the second patch, which is the right side. These patches are not to be placed on the Boy Scout uniform as they are not the first flap. Yet these flaps are commemorative and very neat looking, which attracted the members of our lodge.

Since becoming the Lodge Chief of Nataepu Shohpe Lodge there has been a Strategic Planning Meeting for all chapter chiefs, lodge officers, and a few select chairmen. During this event we improved many of the proposals that the transition team presented to us. A majority of our time was spent on the by-laws, lodge operations manual, lodge budget, and the year calendar.

All in all, this will be a great lodge year and I am looking forward to working with such a great group of arrowmen within Nataepu Shohpe Lodge. My Lodge Executive Committee will be assisting me by helping me accomplish my three main goals which I proposed to the lodge during my lodge chief bid during the Fall Voting Weekend.

My first goal is to unite the arrowmen of legacy lodges Indian Drum and Nacha Tindey. By the end of my term I want there to be absolutely no reason to say, them, the people from down south, the people from up north, the Gerber people, the Greilick people, or "the people from the trails districts". I want no separation; in order to help with this we will need to improve our lodge identity. We need to make people proud to represent Nataepu Shohpe through their clothes, their lodge flap, and their attitude.

My second goal is to improve the program and ceremonies within the lodge. This is such a large priority on my list because people will not get involved if the events are boring and if the ceremonies are poorly performed. Without good ceremonies and good events there will be fewer scouts interested in all that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. For a lodge to perform we need that passion to be present within our scouts.

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The Clinton Valley and Detroit Area Boy Scout Council's merged in November 2009. They each had their own Order of the Arrow Lodge, Chippewa Lodge 29 and Migisi Opawgan

162. After the Council's merged the lodge youth began the merging process. They hashed out by-laws and found the best way of doing things for scouting in Metro Detroit for Boy Scouting. They formed Noquet Lodge 29 in May of 2011 and elected their new Lodge Leaders. Noquet means Bear Claw and Noquet Lodge uses the bear or the bear claw as its totem. It was also decided to keep the number #29 to keep with the tradition the founders of the OA used. Noquet has had many accomplishments for only being around for a year and a half. We are home of the current Central Region Chief, we brought over 100 Arrowmen to NOAC. Noquet Lodge is also the largest lodge in Michigan. After the Council consolidation Noquet Lodge is once again the oldest lodge in the mitten. We are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead and hosting Section Conclave!

Chuck Coutteau,

Noquet Lodge

Nateapu Shope

My third goal is to increase the importance of the chapters within the lodge. I would like to have more things based off of a chapter program instead of the lodge program. If people become active locally there is a larger chance that they will stick with the meetings, activities, and service projects that the chapter provides. If we have strong chapters we will eventually bring some of that strength back to the units, the lodge, and ultimately back to the section. If we do not utilize the functions of a chapter then we are wasting a great resource.

Anyways, that is a taste of what I have been doing for this past year and what I project to happen this upcoming year. It will definitely be exciting, it will certainly be a challenge, and most importantly it will be fun!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Brandon Sinclair  
Nateapu Shope Lodge

## Calendar

### NLS (National Leadership Seminar)

February 22 - 24, 2013  
Geneva Center, Rochester, IN

### NLS

April 19 - 21, 2013  
Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN

### Section Conclave

May 3 - 5, 2013  
D Bar A Scout Ranch

### Project 2013

July 15 - 24, 2013  
Summit Bechtel Family Reserve, WV



## Social Finder

