



Sounds of the Section

Section Conference 2016

Section S-4 and the O-Shot-Caw Lodge cordially invites the Arrowmen of Section S-4 to the 2016 Section Conference on April 8-10, 2016 at Camp Elmore. O-Shot-Caw Lodge's Conference Planning Committee has put in countless hours of time and service to renovate our camp and prepare awesome program ideas and innovative seminars for you. South Florida Council is proud to once again host a Section event at Camp Elmore (formerly Camp Seminole) and is confident that we will pack our camp full of Arrowmen and fellowship!

The Conference will kick off with a show highlighting our theme "*The Vision Continues*" and will absolutely get S-4 excited for the rest of the weekend. On Saturday, innovative seminars, competitions, and activities will be held throughout camp. There will be something to do for everyone whether it be the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Lodge vs Lodge games, 5K run, Scavenger Hunt, ICE and AIA activities, and even our C.O.P.E. course will be open in the morning. On top of all that we plan on showcasing multiple booths with local law enforcement, OA High Adventure and various others in 'The Arrowman Experience'. After a day full of comradery and spirit, dinner will be held, leading up to another fantastic production that will end with a Brotherhood Bash full of games, patch trading, and cracker-barrel. We hope to have something for everyone to enjoy and remember the 2016 Section S-4 Conference. April 8-10th at Camp Elmore.

Chief's Corner

The year has been moving a long very fast we are more than half way through the year. We had a successful SLS and currently have a survey out on how to improve the event for next year. Many of new things are going on within our Section. I first invite you all to check out our new website sections4.org to view information about our upcoming events. Also be sure to have liked our Facebook page and follow our Twitter which are both filled with the most up to date information on S4. Our Section has also distributed OA High Adventure scholarship forms to each lodge and I encourage every eligible brother to participate. I am looking forward to our next event Section Conference 2016 at Camp Elmore hosted by O-Shot-Caw. This event should be full of great training, fellowship, shows, and games. Also coming up for Lodge Leadership is NEXT a innovative special event national is hosting in August to help plan the future of our Order and for those members who go to bring back tools to help each lodge. I hope everyone has a great holiday season and I will see you all at Conference.

WWW,
Aaron Gluck
S4 Chief

SLS Recap

My Brothers,

We have concluded the last Section sponsored event of our Order's 100th anniversary. While the year has been laden with activities and events to partake in a strong presence was shown from each lodge at all events. I personally would like to thank all who made the trip to Wallwood for Section Summit the other weekend and enjoyed the events that we arranged for everyone. There were 176 people registered and signed up. The event gained high remarks from many lodges and offered several unusual activities that gave a chance to see differences in Native cultures. While weather may not have been our best friend postponing and diminishing the impact of our planed powwow all other activities and events went off without delay or problem.

Yours in Service,
James Griner
2015 SLS Chairman

Featured Lodges

Osceola Lodge

Osceola Lodge recently held its winter fellowship and reunion busk dinner to great success. We are looking forward to our ordeal weekend in March, attending section conference, and hosting section leadership summit in November.

Seminole Lodge

Seminole Lodge had a very successful year this 2015. Seminole provided over 4,000 hours of service to Gulf Ridge Council camps and facilities. 2016 is Seminoles 80th anniversary, we are the oldest lodge in the section! We want to thank Seminole member George McGovern for his service to Gulf Ridge Council and congratulate him in his new role as Deputy Region Director. We look forward to seeing everybody from around the section at the 2016 Section Conference at Camp Elmore.

Tipisa Lodge

Tipisa Lodge thanks for all those that attended the conference and can't wait to have an even better experience at the 2016 section conference.

Timuquan Lodge

2015 was an amazing Centennial year for the Order and Timuquan Lodge. Our members, officers, chapters, and committees all worked hard this year. We were proud to earn Gold status for JTE in 2015.

Our ceremonies teams were awarded honor team in both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies at the 2015 Section Conference. We didn't stop there! Our ceremonies team went on to NOAC and earned national honor team in both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Our team had the distinction of being the only one in the entire nation that made honor team in both ceremonies using the same four team members.

On a lighter note, Timuquan Lodge also came in first place at Section S-4's Dodgeball tournament. We are hoping to win back to back, so look out!

Timuquan Lodge has had an outstanding year. We are looking forward to another great year in 2016 celebrating our lodge's 70th Anniversary!

Thanks,
C. Adam Ekblad
Timuquan Lodge Chief

Congratulations to our 2016 National Officers!

National Chief

Hunter Jones

National Vice Chief

Tyler Inberg

Southern Region Chief

Jeff Sedlacek



Advisers Minute

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Congratulations on a great 2015 by supporting Scouting through the Order of the Arrow. We always have lots of things to do in our lives but we have chosen to make our main focus, The Order of the Arrow.

By choosing this focus we help continue the vision of all those in the Order who have come before us and helped to lay the foundation of one of the all-time greatest programs for youth in the country and probably in the world as well. It is this focus that keeps us on track to keep our Circle ever widening and creating opportunities for Scouts to advance, learn and promote leadership so that we may continue this amazing program into the future.

Yes 2015 was a good year! We have an outstanding Chief and great officers in Section-4 who represent the Section with intelligence, pride, integrity and confidence. Our Lodge Chiefs around the Section have carried out their responsibilities with great skill and we have come together to continue to promote Scouting. We have had Section Leadership Summit at Semialachee's Camp Wallwood where they did a great job with that event, we entertained Arrow Tour at Central Florida Councils's camp La-No-Che and North Florida Council's camp Shands which provided the story and history of our great Order for Scouts, families and others who might not know about the OA. We held the 100th Anniversary Section Conference Celebration of the OA at Camp La-No-Che in April and all of which led us to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Order of the Arrow at Michigan State University where 15,000 Scouts and Scouters came together to celebrate this National BSA achievement.

Yes, 2015 was a great year! But, the question is what are you going to do in the future. It is not what you have done, but what you are going to do, that makes the OA what it is. Now is your time, now is your opportunity to take the reign's, to continue the vision into the next 100 years and beyond. That is our heritage and our challenge.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and as we get back to our regular schedules, I trust that each and every one of you are looking forward to the future of the Order of the Arrow and together we will continue to make the future bright!

Thank you for everything you do for our Scouts and their future.

WWW,

William Gundlach III
Section 4 Adviser

Your Mission should you choose to accept it, is
Operation Arrow.

To continue a tradition that dates back to the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, over 750 youth Arrowmen will answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow - the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled by the Order of the Arrow! Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of the primary OA program areas. The summer of 2017 seems like a long time away, but planning for the next national Scout jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is already well underway. The Order of the Arrow will continue to release information about Operation Arrow staff opportunities and how to become involved in the coming months. More information can be found at [ti-nyurl.com/operationarrow](http://ti.nyurl.com/operationarrow)

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The next national event, NEXT: A New Century. Youth leaders from across the country will gather at Indiana University from July 30 to August 3, 2016 to learn, grow and be inspired as we proceed into the next century of service. This hands-on, high-energy event will focus on membership, program and innovation at the local level. Each lodge can send 3 youth and 2 adults to NEXT. Contact your lodge chief for more information.



Join us for the 2016 Section
Conference in Davie, FL
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