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Happy Thanksgiving

2011-2012 Section C-2B Leadership



Chris LaMarche
Section Chief

Hi there C-2B! I'm your 2011-2012 chief Christopher LaMarche. I hail from the great white Upper Peninsula of Michigan (don't you know). I graduated from Gladstone High School and now attend Michigan State University as a sophomore in microbiology. I really enjoy hunting, fishing, boating, and a whole lot of scouting. I'm looking forward to seeing you all this coming April as we prepare for the C-2pocalypse!!



Drew Siegersma
Section Vice Chief

Hello, my name is Drew Siegersma and it is my pleasure to be serving as the Vice Chief for the 2011-2012 year. I am originally from Nacha Tindey Lodge and have been in the OA since 2005. I am looking forward to another great Conclave and the trainings that go with it. I also am looking forward to the Lodge Visitations and meeting new people. Feel free to contact me with suggestions or comments. Have a great year and I'll see you all soon.



John Schultz
Section Secretary

My name is John Schultz and I am the Section Secretary! Since elections last April, I have traveled around to almost every lodge to a Fellowship or weekend gathering. I found it all very fun! A little background information about me: I'm from Kalamazoo, Michigan. I currently attend Portage Northern High school (Yes, we abbreviate PorNO) I have been in the OA for 4 years and I am the current Nacha-Mawat Lodge Chief as well. I look forward to a great year with the Section.

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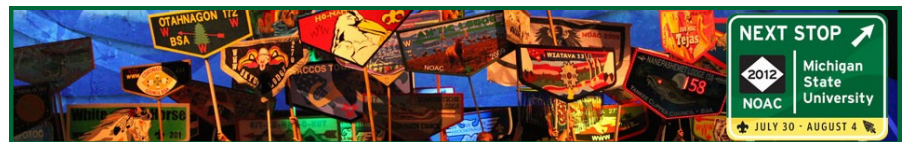
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Event Calendar	
December 2011	
3	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> Fun Day
2-4	<i>Ag-Im</i> Winter Conference
11	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
31	<i>Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline</i>
January 2012	
7	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> Winter Reunion
6-8	<i>Indian Drum</i> Winterextrav & LEC
6-8	<i>Gong</i> Winter WE & Banquet
14	<i>Nacha-Tindy</i> Winter Banquet
8	<i>Gong</i> LEC
18-20	<i>Ag-Im</i> Winter Fun Weekend
21	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> LEC
February 2012	
3-4	<i>C of C</i> @ Traverse City
12	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
18-19	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> Strikes for Scouting
March 2012	
9-10	<i>Section Conclave</i> @ TC
11	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
17	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> LEC
April 2012	
14	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> LEC
15	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
27-29	<i>C of C</i> Conclave Kalamazoo
May 2012	
18-20	<i>Nacha-Mawat</i> LEC/Fellowship
18-20	<i>Indian Drum</i> Spring Fellowship
20	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
18-20	<i>Nacha-Tindey</i> Spring Conclave
June 2012	
3	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
27	<i>Indian Drum</i> Call Out
July 2012	
11	<i>Indian Drum</i> Call Out
14	<i>Gong</i> LEC
18	<i>Indian Drum</i> Call Out
25	<i>Indian Drum</i> Call Out
30	<i>NOAC MSU, Lansing, MI</i>
August 2012	
1-4	<i>NOAC MSU, Lansing, MI</i>
12	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
17	<i>Gong</i> Summer Fellowship & Elections
September 2012	
14-16	<i>Indian Drum</i> Fall Ordeal
28-30	<i>Gong</i> LLD
October 2012	
6	<i>C-2B</i> C of C @ Camp Hiawatha
14	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
November 2012	
3	<i>Gong</i> LEC
4	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC
5	<i>Indian Drum</i> LLD
December 2012	
8	<i>Lodge Charter Renewal</i>
9	<i>Indian Drum</i> LEC

C-2pocalypse - Conclave 2012

Are you going to be at the C-2pocalypse? If you answered yes then you already know how awesome it's gonna be. If you answered maybe or no, let me tell you why you should be chillin' with the "yes" crowd. This April, at Camp Rota-Kiwan, C-2B is going to have the best, biggest, and most awesome-riffic conclave we've ever had. This year we're pulling out all the stops, bringing together music, games, learning, and fun into a jam packed weekend of adventure and hilarity. There has definatrly never been a conclave like the one we're having this year, and there may never be in the future. After all, the Mayan's say that 2012 will be mankind's last year. I want you all to stand and be counted as we blow all records out of the water at the epic conclusion, or at least most epic chapter, of the greatest Section in OA. C-2B, you stay classy and see you this April.



NEXT STOP: NOAC 2012

Message from the National Chief

See that guy in the middle of the picture? That's me, circa 2006.

I have been trying for over a month to think of a way to describe the NOAC experience to Arrowmen that have never been to one before, and I finally realized there would be no way for me to convey the feeling of a National OA Conference in words.



I could vividly describe the moment I stepped into the arena for the opening show of my first NOAC--the vibrant energy that filled the air as thousands of Arrowmen of all ages and from across our nation shared a kind of ecstatic camaraderie that I have experienced in few

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other settings. I could talk about how the classes I attended about OA ceremonies inspired me to become the ceremonies chairman of my lodge, my first real leadership position in the Order. I could focus on the new friends I met, the patches I traded, or the Frisbee games I played.

But my NOAC experience would be irrelevant to you, because your NOAC experience will invariably be different. That's the incredible thing about a National OA Conference--there is such a cornucopia of activity that one person could not possibly do everything. Everyone's NOAC is both an individual experience and a collective experience.

And, more importantly, the reason why I won't focus on describing the details of my first NOAC is because none of that would accurately express the emotional joy of the event. The reason a NOAC is great is not because you spend your week doing certain activities. Conferences are incredible because they allow you to be a part of a group of thousands of Arrowmen that collectively embody our cheerful brotherhood.

For me, NOAC is an event where even something as silly as encountering a man in a bear suit walking around the Michigan State at night becomes a moment that you'll remember for the rest of your life. Find out what NOAC is for you. I promise, you won't be disappointed.

Yours in Service

Jonathan Hillis

267 Days Until NOAC

Posted by the National Promotions Team - November 6, 2011

267. That is the number of days until the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Now is the time to make your plans to attend with 8,000 other Arrowmen at Michigan State University. This fall, lodges are building a contingent to travel to the 2012 national OA conference which will be full of cool activities, awesome evening shows, training, and fellowship.

Are you ready to go? Here is what you need to do to get to NOAC 2012 -

1. Contact your lodge chief, adviser, and staff adviser to let them know you want to go.

Check out www.event.oa-bsa.org to learn about the many exciting NOAC programs.

1. Invite another Arrowmen from your unit, chapter, or lodge to join you at NOAC 2012.
2. "Attend" the NOAC 2012 Facebook event here.
3. Send a Tweet about NOAC 2012 and why you are excited. Use #NOAC2012.

Arrowmen who are interested in staffing the conference will be able to register beginning January 1, 2012 at www.registration.oa-bsa.org.

Remember, Next Stop: NOAC 2012!

Both NOAC articles from oa-bsa.org



For you Arrowmen who want to go the 2013 Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit but are too old to go as a youth, this is the perfect opportunity. Seven hundred youth members will be chosen to go to the Jamboree and lead troops, work in the Indian Village, help the staff have a good time, and have a good time serving their fellow scouts.

If you like to work with troops and go on hikes, Jamboree Trek Guide is the position of interest for you in the OA Staff. Service Corps is an opportunity to set up events occurring during the day on site. Many program and administrative areas at the jamboree will be supported by the OA Service Corps.

The Indian Village will be run by the OA yet again. American Indian culture, regalia, and dances will be seen in the Village daily. Skilled dancers and craftsmen are needed so Scouts can have an unforgettable experience.

The Recreation Staff will take the lead on providing evening recreation opportunities for all jamboree staff. The Rec. Staff will host cook outs, game nights, and plan fun activities for the staff each night. Anyone with a mind for games and fun should apply. This sounds like a fun way to serve fellow scouts and scouters from all over the country.



Lodge News



Scouts & its Partners Rescue Park with \$25,000 Grant

From July 25th-July 30th, Mischigonong Lodge descended upon Deindorfer Woods Park in Saginaw, Michigan for a weeklong "One Day of Service". Dubbed by the lodge as "Project SaginAWESOME", the project sought to unite and partner with several local organizations in an effort to impart a gift of service on a high need urban community.



Deindorfer Woods, a 20-acre patch of forest and park in the middle of a city, suffered from many problems prior to the project. Inadequate drainage left the entrance as a swamp during the spring. Lack of permanent structures hindered its usage. Condemned play equipment left children with nowhere to go and play.

All of this and more changed. Drainage was improved. A pavilion and two swing sets were erected. Trails were cleared and surfaced with 36 tons of wood chips. The parking lot was re-surfaced and over 14 hazard trees were removed.

Saginaw resident Ryan Merz, 20, assistant scout master with Troop 304, trimmed branches and weeds along the trails with fellow scouts Austin Himmelein, 16, and

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Alex Prenzler, 13, of Saginaw. "It's hot," Merz said, wiping sweat from his forehead as he paused from work. "It's good to give back." "Everybody has been excited about it," said Carol VanArsdale, the adviser for the project. "The response has been very positive." Dow employee Brad Blanchard said the project will benefit everyone in the neighborhood. He and VanArsdale said they hope veterans and their families will use the park, which is next to the VA hospital. Mischigonong Lodge was far from alone in performing this work. Aiding in the project's success was the active involvement of The Dow Chemical Company, headquartered in Midland, Michigan. As part of their Dow Project Challenge Project program, Dow donated \$25,000 to finance the supplies used in the park. In addition to this grant, Dow provided logistical support and the volunteerism of over 100 employees in order to make a visible positive impact on a declining community. Best Buy contributed another \$1,000.00 to the effort.

Volunteers came from several other organizations including Saginaw County Habitat for Humanity; Local 85 Plumbers, Steamfitters & HVACR Unions; the neighboring Veteran's Affairs hospital; and residents of the local community. All contributed their service to the restoration of the park. With a flurry of activity, construction trucks, tools, and wheelbarrows, the many volunteers, both in and out of the scouting program, worked for over a week to improve the park.

"This is the fun stuff we get to do," said Scott Brink, UA Local 85 business representative. The union brought out two classes of apprentices to help rebuild the gates and help out in whatever way they can, he said.

All told, well over 250 people contributed 3000 man-hours to this project. A park that had been largely ignored for years now found itself frequented by residents, many for the first time. An urban community was impacted for the better . . . thanks to the Order of the Arrow and its partner organizations . . . thanks to a gift of cheerful service by all!

Adviser's Corner

By Jamie Callahan, Section Adviser

Hello Arrowmen of C-2B!! Your section leadership team has been hard at work for you. We had a great Council of Chiefs meeting in October at Camp Rota-Kiwan with your lodge chiefs. Special thanks goes out to our hosts for the meeting - Nacha Mawat Lodge. They really rolled out the red carpet for us and ensured that we were well fed, slept well, and had a great facility to plan out the year and the 2012 conclave. Thanks you!!



From the amount of input, discussion and planning that happened at the meeting, this conclave is definitely looking to be one of the best! I encourage each one of you to consider signing up, and to also convince a fellow Arrowman in your lodge to attend. The spirit of our Order will definitely be on display at conclave and you don't want to

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be the one who wishes that you had gone because you heard from all your friends how it was so much fun.

In just over 250 days, the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will also be happening in our section at Michigan State University. If you have never gone to one of these, now is the time. It is the National Jamboree of the OA and will likely be the biggest NOAC ever. So sign up with your lodge or consider serving on NOAC staff. There may be opportunities to serve through Gabe-Shi-Win-Gi-Ji-Kens Lodge as the service lodge...stay tuned.

As many of you know, the chartering organizations of the nine councils voted to adopt the Crossroads Recommendation and start a whole new process of delivering Scouting to the youth of Michigan's lower peninsula. Many are asking what this means for the OA. At this time, there are a lot of unknowns as we are still very early in this transition process. What I can tell you is that the Order of the Arrow *will* continue to be an integral part of the Scouting program in Michigan. There *will* be multiple lodges within the new coordinating council. There *will* be an awesome conclave in 2012 at Camp Rota-Kiwan. You *will* have your own lodge events to attend in 2012. What I can also tell you is that your section youth leadership will continue to work on your behalf and that of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as we move forward into a new Scouting and new Order of the Arrow in Michigan.

A composite image featuring a canoe on a river, a large mouth, and a compass rose logo. The canoe is in the center, with two people inside. The mouth is on the left, and the compass rose is on the right. The text "CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE." is at the top. The URL "http://adventure.oa-bsa.org" is at the bottom. The compass rose logo has "HIGH ADVENTURE" and "ORDER OF THE ARROW" written on it.

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