



The Monthly G4-Cast

Welcome Arrowmen to the Fall issue of the G4-Cast! These newsletters will provide insight into upcoming events and trainings for all Arrowmen residing in the Order of the Arrow's Gateway Region Section G4.

The *G4-Cast* (G-forecast... get it?) will be published bi-monthly to give you the latest news from the Section.

Section Calendar

Event	Location	Date	Link
2025 G4 Conclave Planning On-site	Camp Rockefeller	February 21-23/25	COC, CVC, by invitation only
NLS / DYLC - Gateway Region	(Minneapolis, MN)	<i>March 21-23</i>	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)
NLS / DYLC - Gateway Region	(Kansas City, MO)	March 28-30	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)
2025 G4 Conclave	<i>Camp Rockefeller</i>	<i>May 2-4/25</i>	<coming>
NLS / DYLC - Gateway Region	(Fort Worth, TX)	November 7-9	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)
NLS / DYLC - Gateway Region	(Southern CA)	November 22-24	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)

Our Section Communications Committee (SCC) is working hard to bring you the news from around the section and keep you updated on fun activities. Look out for posts on Instagram and check out the section website at SectionG4.org

If you would like to join the committee, reach out to Adelaide, our SCC Chairman, by email at comms@SectionG4.org. We would love to have your input on planning, posts, social media, interviews, the G4-Cast, and graphic design!

Highlights From This Years Conclave:

This year's Conclave was held at Kerr Scout Ranch at Slippery Falls and was hosted by Ma-nu and Ema 'O Mahpe lodges. The theme was "May the fourth", which included showcases from the 501st legion and NASA in addition to themed quest games and food.

An exciting announcement was revealed at this year's Conclave! The northern Arkansas lodges in our section have combined to make one vast lodge, called Mixti Wanaxe!

Golden Arrow Recipient:

Congratulations to Mixti Wanaxe lodge for bringing home the Golden Arrow!!!

2024-2025 Lodge Leadership:

At this year's Section Conclave election we heard from many candidates and have officially elected the next year's leaders. Congratulations to Berkeley Wasson, our Section Chief, Naomi Liljenberg, our Section Vice Chief, and Morgan Johnson, continuing as our Section Secretary!



Berkeley Wasson	Naomi Liljenberg	Morgan Johnson
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NOTICE! WE NEED CVC'S FOR MULTIPLE EVENTS NEXT CONCLAVE! If you would like the opportunity to grow your leadership skills and add a new experience under your belt, let Morgan Johnson know through this link: Secretary@SectionG4.org



Highlights from National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)



This past summer, G4 Section Arrowmen attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Boulder Colorado. They joined Arrowmen from across the nation to enjoy an action-packed week of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

With the theme of ‘Seek New Heights’, Arrowmen were encouraged and inspired to be ambitious and strive for excellence in their lives, and service in their communities.

A variety of activities and experiences, too numerous to list here, were available at NOAC 2024. A sampling includes scuba diving, special receptions, athletic events, live concerts, and festivals. There were also special events such as Adventure Central, Arrowman Conservation, Education, and Sustainability (ACES) Village, Boulder Bash, and professionally produced stadium shows.

Through these activities, Arrowmen enjoyed fun and fellowship and were able to explore new interests, engage with Arrowman from across the nation, and challenge themselves to seek new heights within themselves and in everything they do.

Through all the activities, training, workshops, and experiences, Arrowmen were challenged to choose a life of service and to lead their units in service to their communities as they live out the values of the Order of the Arrow and embody the Scout Oath and Law in every area of life.



G4 Section Gathering at NOAC!!!

Your Lodge



Highlights!

In this section of the newsletter, we will be featuring your lodge submissions for event and activity highlights. This could be a picture (approved by your lodge) from your Fall Fellowship along with some information on it.

Example: “We had a blast at our Fall Fellowship this year! 100 Arrowmen attended!”
- We will insert your image here

Join the Section Communications Committee

Join our team of Section leaders to improve and run Section communication operations. As the committee grows, tasks and sub-committees can work more efficiently, not bearing any sole job on one person, but using teamwork skills to collaborate creatively to showcase Section news.

Lodge and Chapter Secretaries, this is an amazing opportunity to further your skills in online communication and leadership. We need skilled and experienced Arrowmen to lead and work together with other committee members to build each other up in brotherhood.

If you don't already have a Position of Responsibility (POR) like Lodge Secretary, do not despair. The Section also wants young Arrowmen. This is a great opportunity for you to develop valuable skills that are applicable in all areas of life. Communication is key for any group of people to make a difference, and you can start here.



The Events in Depth:

- **Section Conclave** — an action-packed event which brings together the Order of the Arrow Lodges from Oklahoma and Arkansas in warm fellowship. Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities to compete in games to win the coveted Golden Arrow. Featuring shows, games, training, fellowship, and so much more, Conclave is the highlight of the year for our Section.
- **National Leadership Seminar (NLS)** — a weekend conference that focuses on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to Scouting America and the greater community. NLS complements the National Youth Leadership Training (for youth) and Wood Badge (for adults). Course participants make a promise to themselves to apply the skills learned on projects in their lodge, council, and community. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside the Scouting program. <https://oa-scouting.org/training/national-leadership-seminar-nls>



- **Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC)** – a weekend conference to strengthen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully mentor youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar. Prior participation in the National Leadership Seminar is encouraged, but is not required. <https://oa-scouting.org/training/developing-youth-leadership-conference-dylc>



- **National Order of the Arrow Conference** — The flagship national Order of the Arrow event is held every two years (2027 is next one) at a major university campus and is attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope. Our largest conference was in 2015, attended by more than 15,000 Arrowmen to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

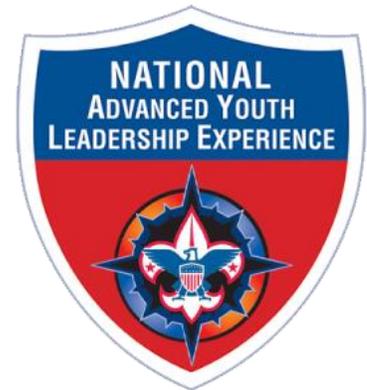


- **Order of the Arrow Trail Crew** — an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two-week trail crew and trek. The first week focuses on trail



construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven-day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trails and hiking as it is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

- **National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)** — NAYLE is an expansion to NYLT’s ethical decision-making and team building skills. This program holds up the ideals of selfless service and is held at the four high adventure camps. NAYLE will help guide your journey to become a true servant leader, able to develop the members of any team you lead. Scouts attending must be 14 but not yet 20 years old, hold a unit leadership position, and have completed NYLT. Learn more here:



<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/nayle/>

- **NYLT Leadership Academy (NYLTLA)** is a week-long course that focuses on inspiring and enabling participants to deliver effective, world class National Youth Leadership Training courses in their local councils with a special emphasis on improving presentations skills, evaluation skills, and on learning more depth the NYLT Leadership skills. You will work with NYLT concepts, developing necessary skills, and working with model NYLT activities (geocaching, Realistic First aide, etc.). In order to qualify, you must have graduated your council NYLT course, be first class or venturer, be between the ages of 13 to 21 years, and be willing to take back what you learn to improve your council NYLT course.



There are multiple locations; see the link... (Scholarships are available as necessary):

<https://nylt-leadershipacademy.org/services/youth/>



The Order of the Arrow is known by its distinct three principles: Brotherhood, Cheerful, Service. Many of its members pursue a life outside of the common day-to-day experiences. To temper their thirst, the OA has five high adventure opportunities revolving around serving and fun:

- Wilderness Voyage
- Canadian Odyssey
- Summit Experience
- Trail Crew
- Ocean Adventure



The website you can find <https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure> explains everything you need to know about these. To quickly sum up the details, OA members sign up individually and are then grouped up with fellow Arrowmen. These experiences function differently from each other, so check out the options between the five.

Have you heard about the updated OA Vision, Mission and Purpose? <https://oa-scouting.org/about/vision-mission-purpose>
The changes help reinforce the OA's support of Scouting America.

That's all from us at the *G4-cast* crew. See you at Conclave!

Special thanks to our editors and communications committee chairmen.

