



The Monthly G4-Cast

Welcome Arrowmen to the Winter 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>	https://sectiong4.oa-bsa.org/conclave/
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)
2026 G4 Conclave	<td>	May 1-3/26	<td>

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

Get our Conclave on your personal and family calendars: May 2-4, 2025 at Camp Rockefeller, Damascus Arkansas, hosted by Mixti Wanaxe Lodge, with help from the other lodges in our section. A weekend of Fun, Fellowship and Food, plus chances to compete and show off your special skills. The theme is simply medieval! More details soon, and through your lodge.

PLUS, a chance to meet our first female national officer: Haley Flores, the 2025 Gateway Region Chief. Registration will be available online by Feb. 28 on our section web site: <https://sectiong4.ou-bsa.org/conclave/>

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. Interested? Reach out to Adelaide, our SCC Chairman, by email at comms@SectionG4.org.

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. We would love to have your input on planning, posts, social media, interviews, the G4-Cast, and graphic design!

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.



Fun Page

Why did the scout take a ladder to camp? Because he wanted to reach new heights!



What do scouts use to fix a campfire? A match maker!



**Why don't scouts ever get lost?
Because they always follow the path of least resistance!**



What's a scout's favorite type of music? Rock climbing!

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>

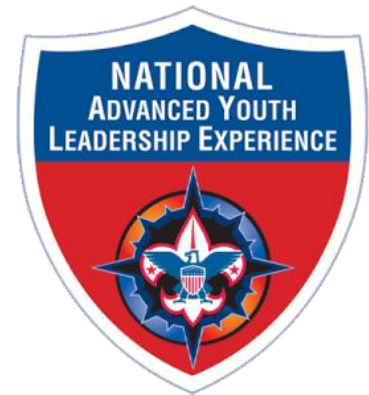
- **Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC)** – a weekend conference to strengthen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully mentor youth applying the leadership skills they gained during 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 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)** - 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 aid, 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/>

- **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.



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-scouting.org/high-adventure> explains everything you (and parents) need to know about these different offerings.



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!

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