



SECTION W-6P



2020 Newsletter

Aloha mai! Get ready for the 2020 Section W-6P Conclave! The conclave is an annual gathering for all Order of the Arrow members from our section. Two lodges makeup Section W-6P: Achpateuny and Nā Mokupuni o Lawelawe. Regarding landmass, our section is the largest in the entire OA, serving the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, American Sāmoa, Guam, and Hawai'i.

For updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, please see “Section W-6P Updates” on page 2.

Our section officers look forward to having a great time with you at conclave. Also attending will be 2020 National Vice Chief Noah Smith! Until you meet them at conclave, you can learn more about them in the “Your Officers” segment on pages 3 and 4.

Conclave will look very different this year: it will be entirely online. As we navigate the current happenings in the midst of a pandemic, we will also explore the foundational values of the Order of the Arrow; this year's theme is “The Origins”. Conclave will include entertaining shows, engaging training, exciting activities, and a Section Election. You can read more about the awesome experiences you'll have in the “2020 Conclave” article on page 5.

In 2019, the National Leadership Seminar came to our section at Camp Pūpūkea on O'ahu. Section Secretary Kahiau Snyder wrote about his experience there in his “National Leadership Seminar Reflection” on page 6.

The Western Region Gathering is an event at which all section officers from all over the Region get together and discuss best practices and improvements to running a section. Section Vice Chief Thomas Hill discusses his time at the WRG in the “Western Region Gathering Reflection” on page 7.

The National Planning Meeting is a gathering of all the Section Chiefs in the entire Order. On page 8, you can read about what they do in Section Chief Surya Sriram's “National Planning Meeting Reflection”.

Adults can read about the upcoming Developing Youth Leadership Conference coming to O'ahu in an article by Section Adviser Wes Ishizu on page 9.

SECTION W-6P UPDATES

REGARDING COVID-19

The Section W-6P 2020 Conclave was previously scheduled for April 3-5, 2020. After concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic arose, the section's Council of Chiefs voted to postpone the event to the Fall of 2020. Conclave will now be a one-day, online event on September 19 (Hawai'i time) and on September 20 (Asia time).

In these times of uncertainty, we find ourselves needing more support than ever. The section leadership encourages you to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in the Order by reaching out to your fellow Arrowmen. We hope that you all have been keeping yourselves in good health in these chaotic times. You can visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus for more information and tips on how you can stay safe. We are excited to connect you all - healthy and thriving - at conclave in September!

E MĀLAMA I KOU OLAKINO!

Care for your health!



YOUR OFFICERS



Surya Sriram, Section Chief

Hometown	Chennai, India
Lodge	Achpateuny Lodge 803
Rank	Eagle Scout
Grade and School	Freshman, McGill University
Favorite Camp Food	Anything Edible
Favorite Scouting Event	Camping Near Mt. Fuji



Thomas Hill, Section Vice Chief

Hometown	Maui, Hawai'i
Lodge	Nā Mokupuni o Lawelawe Lodge 567
Rank	Eagle Scout
Grade and School	11, Kīhei Charter High School
Favorite Camp Food	Chili and Rice
Favorite Scouting Event	Staffing Island Park Scout Camp 2019



Kahiau Snyder, Section Secretary

Hometown	Maui, Hawai'i
Lodge	Nā Mokupuni o Lawelawe Lodge 567
Rank	Life Scout
Grade and School	11, Kamehameha Schools Maui
Favorite Camp Food	Hotdogs and Cheese
Favorite Scouting Event	2019 Philmont Trek

YOUR OFFICERS



Reagen Meador, Nā Mokupuni o Lawelawe Lodge Chief

Hometown O'ahu, Hawai'i
Lodge Nā Mokupuni o Lawelawe Lodge 567
Rank Eagle Scout
Grade and School Kalaheo High School Graduate
Favorite Camp Food Cracker Barrel Corn Dogs
Favorite Scouting Event NLS Hawai'i 2019



Bennet Schmid, Achpateuny Lodge Chief


Hometown Laramie, WY
Lodge Achpateuny Lodge 803
Rank Life Scout
Grade and School 11, Nile C. Kinnick High School
Favorite Camp Food Hobo Meals
Favorite Scouting Event Campfire Fellowships



Noah Smith, National Vice Chief

Hometown Jonesboro, Arkansas
Lodge Quapaw Lodge 160
Rank Eagle Scout
Grade and School Freshman, University of Central Arkansas
Favorite Camp Food Peach Cobbler
Favorite Scouting Event NOAC 2018

2020 CONCLAVE



The conclave program seeks to increase the knowledge and understanding of the delegates in all aspects of the Order of the Arrow program while having fun. It should inspire Arrowmen to commit to improving themselves and their lodge. This is an amazing opportunity to interact with your fellow Arrowmen from Section W-6P along with 2020 National Vice Chief Noah Smith. You won't want to miss this chance to learn from a national officer! Noah will be answering questions along with Section Chief Surya Sriram during Conclave's Meet the Men session. You can submit questions here: <https://forms.gle/Yihg7YCetfGrTSG6>.

Conclave was scheduled for April 3-5, 2020. Due to rising COVID-19 concerns, Section W-6P's Council of Chiefs has voted to postpone the event to the Fall. See page 2 for more details. This year's section conclave is now a one-day, all online event on **September 19 (in Hawai'i) and September 20 (in Asia), 2020**. The registration fee is a reduced \$25. As a registered delegate, you will get access to the conclave program and an event patch.

At conclave, an election will be held to elect the section chief, section vice chief, and section secretary. In order to run for office, Arrowmen will need a document from their respective Scout Executive approving them to run for the position(s) they would like to run for. The Scout Executives approval letter will need to be submitted to the Section Adviser Mr. Wes Ishizu prior to the Conclave election in order to run for an office. Arrowmen interested in running will need to be under the age of 21 during their entire term in office. Those elected will represent all Arrowmen in Section W-6P and have special opportunities to travel for section-officer-specific training.

Registration for 2020 Conclave is open now! You can register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/104-20200Asectionconclave>. All arrowmen must register by September 5, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the conclave staff at conclave2020@sectionw6p.org.

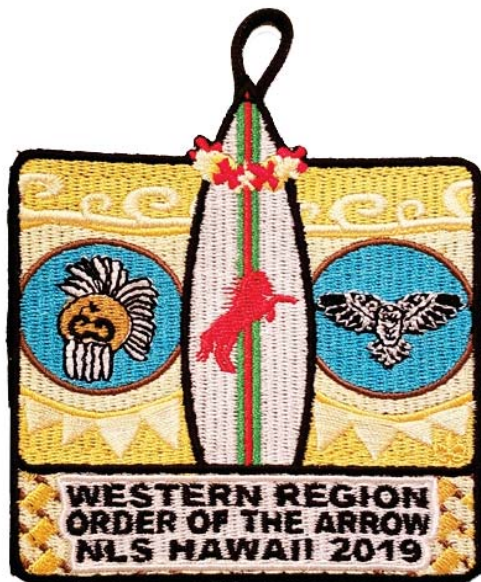
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR REFLECTION

by Section Secretary Kahiau Snyder

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is considered the best training that Scouting has to offer. It is a weekend conference centered around improving Arrowmen's leadership skills. The seminar prepares and equips Arrowmen with the skills they need to be leaders in and beyond Scouting. In November of 2019, I was fortunate enough to attend NLS when it came to Hawai'i at Camp Pūpūkea on O'ahu.

The training sessions at NLS were educational and engaging. The trainers allowed us to learn the information in a fun, entertaining way. We learned about the different aspects of leadership, which areas we excel in, and how to apply those strengths to enhance our leadership as a whole. Overall, the training taught me a lot about myself as a leader and how to lead effectively.

I had the amazing opportunity to learn from four former, current, and future national officers (2018 WRC Jordan Jeffris, 2019 WRC Antonyo Mitchell, 2019 NC Matt Parsons, and 2020 WRC Gavin Cho). It was also awesome to reconnect with 2019 WRC Antonyo whom I met at our section conclave last year, and I look forward to hearing from 2020 National Vice Chief Noah Smith at this year's. I'll see you all there!



WESTERN REGION GATHERING REFLECTION

by Section Vice Chief Thomas Hill

From October 25th to the 27th, Kahiau and I, as well as Associate Section Adviser Mr. Scott Neerings, had the opportunity to attend the Western Region Gathering in Boring, Oregon. The Western Region Gathering is a meeting of all of the Western Region's section officers. We had the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from all across the Western Region. We were also able to participate in a lot of different training sessions which were designed to help us run the section more effectively.

We arrived in Portland on the morning of the 25th. Since we still had a while until it began, we were able to visit Multnomah Falls, the tallest waterfall in Oregon, and the Bonneville Dam, a massive hydroelectric plant on the Columbia River. Around 4 o'clock in the afternoon, we arrived at Camp Kuratli. Most of the weekend was spent in training sessions. We went over new developments in the Order of the Arrow, like the Thrive initiative and ACT Conferences. We also spent time working out different ways we could improve as a section. We also had a breakout session where we received training specific to our section position. I thought the first session, "Building the Team" was especially informative, in regard to what we do as section officers. We also had some fun during the gathering. I enjoyed bursting watermelons with rubber bands and chanting "West Is Best!" with my fellow Western Region section officers, national trainers, and three western region chiefs.

All in all, the Western Region Gathering was a great experience. The food was good, the training was informative and engaging, the fall leaves were beautiful, and the chilly weather was refreshing. It was a great opportunity, and something I would look forward to attending again.



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NATIONAL PLANNING MEETING REFLECTION

by Section Chief Surya Sriram

The National Planning Meeting (NPM) is an annual meeting where Section Chiefs gather to elect the national officers and work on the program of emphasis. This year our program of emphasis was NOAC 2020. Our theme this year was “Step Up, Step Forward”. This year is an inflection point in the Order. What we do now will have a huge impact on the the direction the OA will take moving forward. As such, the theme was chosen to emphasize the importance of our actions today and how the forward thinking of individual Arrowmen today will have huge impacts in the future.

For me personally, I really enjoyed my four day stay in Dallas. Coming from somewhere where the OA is a niche, self-contained activity, it was very interesting to see the breadth and scope of the OA. Meeting Arrowmen from all across the U.S. was a very cool experience, to say the least. It was also great to meet old friends from NOAC, Conclave, and the Western Region Gathering. Especially given the geography, I am not able to meet them very often, so getting the chance to talk and hang out with them was something I looked forward to.

Another interesting aspect of NPM was seeing the “behind-the-scenes” of NOAC and large-scale OA programs. Having attended NOAC 2018 as a participant, it was eye-opening to see how involved the youth are in the planning process. I am part of the training committee and it was really fun to be a part of the thought process behind the training and help choose the specific training NOAC 2020 will provide.

Overall, NPM was, for me, a very interesting and fun experience. I was able to learn more about the OA and gain a better understanding of what we are trying to do as an order. I was able to meet friends again after a long time and catch up. The only thing I’d recommend to people is to try to find a way to deal with the jetlag. Flying halfway across the world for four days - the jet lag killed me.



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DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (DYLC)

Feb 18-20, 2021 Camp Pūpūkea, O'ahu, HI

Adults

by Section Adviser Wes Ishizu

Adults

Adults, do you want training on how to relate to and help your youth leaders achieve their potential and take advantage of the opportunities that Scouting and the OA offer? Have you ever asked yourself what other adult leaders and advisers do as best practices to make their meetings and events fun, effective and efficient?

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC) focuses on the tools every adult needs to mentor and develop our outstanding youth leaders.

Link: western.aa-bsa.org/training/

Section W-6P has never had the adult training in our section (Aloha and Far East Council), so this is a great 1st for all of us. After a lot of great folks helped to lobby for this training for our adults, we are getting a DYLC in Feb 2021. Maximum is 36 people, minimum is 24 people, so we need to start getting the word out to reserve that date and get adults registered. This is the only conference I have been to that deals specifically with working with youth as an adult volunteer. We will also have Western Region leaders at the training, so it is a great opportunity that may not be back for years, so don't miss out on this special opportunity.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC) focuses on the tools every adult needs to mentor and develop our outstanding youth leaders. It is built on the concepts our members learn at the National Leadership Seminar, and it uses the NLS terminology as participants learn new tools and techniques of how to mentor and develop our outstanding youth leaders. Prior attendance at a NLS is encouraged, but it is not required for the DYLC.

This is the most unique and rewarding adviser training offered in years. All the advisers and volunteers in your section, lodge and chapters should come to take advantage of this special opportunity. Come join us for a conference that might just be life-changing for you, your family and the Order (this will help you with your scouts in your unit as well).

Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening. First NLS session will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. and the first DYLC session will start promptly at 7:30 pm. The seminar will conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon after a closing recognition banquet lunch. Participation for the entire weekend through Sunday is required for recognition of completion of the DYLC course; please do not register unless you are committed to attending Friday evening through Sunday in entirety.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will deepen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback that leads to changes in youth behavior and creating a life-long coaching/mentoring relationship. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully coach youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will move us beyond lodge mechanics and operations to establishing a lodge and chapter culture that grows youth who are capable of establishing goals, building teams, and guiding the lodge's work to achieve Journey to Excellence. Prior participation in the National Leadership Seminar is encouraged, but not required. For more information and how to register for these regional conferences, please visit western.oa-bsa.org.



Developing Youth Leadership Conference



THE ORIGINS

SECTION W-6P 2020 CONCLAVE

- WHEN** September 19, 2020 (Hawai'i Time)
September 20, 2020 (Asia Time)
- WHERE** Online (via Zoom)
- WHO** ALL Arrowmen are invited
- WHAT** Conclave is a FUN gathering of Arrowmen from Section W-6P.
- HOW** <https://scoutingevent.com/104-20200Asectionconclave>

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