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Conclave to be held at Camp Hinds

By Brendan Bertagnoll
SECTION VICE CHIEF

The 2009 Section NE-1A Conclave will be held at Camp William Hinds in Raymond, Maine. Camp Hinds sits on 280 acres of land on the shores of Panther Pond, which is a part of the Sebago Lakes Region of Maine. Madockawanda Lodge, of the Pine Tree Council, will host the event from June 12-14, 2009.

At the Section Conclave, Arrowmen from all across Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts will gather together for a weekend of fellowship, brotherhood, training, and inter-lodge competitions. The training will cover a wide variety of topics relevant to all Arrowmen and will be taught by the best trainers from around the section and around the country. The training will provide you with the resources to return to your lodges and home units and continue to provide quality service.

The afternoon of conclave will be devoted to Ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, tug-o-war, Native American dancing, and of course, the famous Healy Cup among other competitions. At previous conclaves we have had batting cages, an inflatable jousting arena, a special appearance by the Boston Red Sox World Series ring, a cus-



An Arrowman repels from the Vermont National Guard climbing wall at the 2008 Section Conclave. Check out page 3 to learn more about program opportunities at the 2009 Section Conclave

tom slip and slide, and a climbing tower among other special activities. What one-of-a-kind experiences will Conclave 2009 have to offer you? You will have to come and find out for yourself!

What you can be sure of is that this pinnacle of all the section events will be an outstanding experience. Amidst the fellowship, patch-trading, Frisbee, and patch-auctions, we will see you there!

For more information, visit conclave.ne1a.org or to sign up contact your lodge leadership. Don't forget, if you have received a wooden nickel from your Lodge Chief, you must bring it to Conclave in order to be eligible for your special prize! Don't have one of Section NE-1A's limited edition wooden nickels yet? Go talk to your Lodge Chief about the Section Conclave today!

Sign up for the Section Conclave Email List

Go to www.ne1a.org/conclave2009.html

Get important updates about the 2009 Section Conclave, special promotions, the Trading Post, Training information, program opportunities, and more.

2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference

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Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org for more information and updates about NOAC 2009

SAVE THE DATE...

2009 SECTION CONCLAVE

Camp Hinds
Raymond, Maine

June 12-14, 2009

Registration Info Enclosed

Hosted by
Madockawanda Lodge

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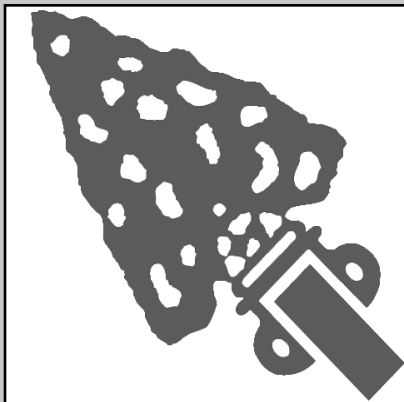
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FROM THE CHIEF...

I would like to invite you to attend the 2009 Section NE-1A Conclave to be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine, June 12-14, 2009. Your participation in this event is important to yourself and your Lodge. At the Section Conclave, you can expect to meet new friends, join in fellowship with other arrowmen, and most importantly, to have fun.

The theme for the event will be "*Lay the Oak and Pine Together.*" This theme serves as a basis for the program and shows for this conclave.

Section Conclaves are filled with excitement through training, competitions, and shows. Do not miss out on this opportunity to attend the Section Conclave.

Be sure to visit conclave.ne1a.org for more information and updates. Registration information is enclosed in this newsletter. With nearly 300 Arrowmen projected to be in attendance at this Section Conclave, you will not want to miss this opportunity.



Should you have any questions about the Section Conclave, please contact your Lodge leadership or email me at chief@ne1a.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Section Conclave.

Jeffrey St. Cyr
Section Chief, NE-1A

FROM THE ADVISER...

Winter camping has to be my favorite activity in all of Scouting. That's a good thing since we do have four very different seasons up here in Section NE-1A, and this year we're finally having a "normal" winter. Of course, along with all of this snow in northern New England, the real detailed work of planning, running and evaluating the Order of the Arrow program on the Section level is in full swing. Your Section Officers and Lodge Chiefs have met to create the framework that will become the Section Conclave at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine on June 12-14, 2009. Despite all of these great opportunities to plan and lead, there is one nugget of guidance that I offer to the youth officers that really impacts all of us.

The most important part of the Section Conclave, and the whole year-long Section program, is not the election of the Section Chief-it is the fact that you have the opportunity to be part of the Section. By completing your Ordeal and binding yourself to each of your Brothers, you became part of the Order of the Arrow Section-the inter-lodge structure that supports what you do in Scouting. The Section Council of Chiefs (the group of Lodge Chiefs and Section Officers that plans the Section Program) is not the only group of Arrowmen involved in making the Conclave happen-you are. You can do most anything that you feel com-



elled to do in the Order simply by accepting the challenge. Like Uncas, who accepted the task of spreading word of the dire, dreadful danger, you, too, are called to help make the Order happen-in your Troop, in your Chapter and Lodge, in the Section and beyond. That challenge may be as detailed as volunteering to lead a training session at the Conclave, or writing an article for the Polestar, or just making sure that the guys in your Troop are planning to attend the Conclave this June. No matter what you choose to do to support the Order and Scouting, the choice is truly up to you. I look forward to seeing you and working with you in 2009!

Scott Valcourt
Section Adviser

Training offers sessions in conservation, camping, and conservation activities

By Chris Gardner
SECTION SECRETARY

Do you need some training on being a ceremonialist, lodge or chapter leader, or promoting national opportunities? Maybe you are looking for a refresher course on the OA Troop Representative Program, outdoor high adventure skills, or how to improve your camp promotions.

The training at the 2009 Section Conclave is just for you. Over twenty different training sessions will be offered to enhance your knowledge and leadership skills.

New and improved training opportunities such as the NE-1A Leadership Forum, high adventure trekking through the backcountry and many more will be available.

Other new programs to the 2009 Section Conclave will include topics around conservation. Arrowmen will be able to learn the basics to conservation projects, trail building, and how to work with local, state, and federal agencies. After the success of *ArrowCorps5*, arrowmen will be able to take home the knowledge to implement local conservation projects in their communities.

Trainers from around New England including lodge and section leaders as well as national OA guests will head the training program on the Saturday morning of the Section Conclave.

A final training session list with descriptions will be available after February 15, 2009, at conclave.ne1a.org. The sessions will not require any advanced sign ups. Check out the sessions of your choice once at the Section Conclave.

Get ready to experience training to gain a better understanding of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

History of Camp Hinds

Camp Hinds is located on 280 acres on the shores of Panther Pond in Raymond, Maine. Since 1927, Scouts from the Pine Tree Council and beyond have enjoyed resident camping at Camp Hinds. Camp Hinds hosted its first Area Conference, now known as a Section Conclave, in 1956, and has hosted many years since then.

While at camp, Arrowmen will eat meals in the 300 person dining hall, where some will spend hours viewing the historic plaques on the ceiling. Camp Hinds offers a modern health lodge, a recreation hall, two waterfronts, a boating area, fourteen campsites, and a COPE course with low and high elements.

Lodges compete for the titles of Conclave games

Coveted Healy Cup up for grabs

A week of summer camp is a lot of fun, but a weekend at the Section Conclave is a lot of fun condensed into one weekend. Lodges will be given the opportunity to compete in events like OA Jeopardy, Ultimate Frisbee, and the Healy Cup.

On Friday night, the Section Conclave will kick off with the opening show that will set the tone for the weekend's events. Lodges will have the opportunity to spend time with each other and participate in camp wide activities. There will also be many chances to meet other Arrowmen from all over the Section.

On Saturday, various pro-

gram opportunities at Camp Hinds will be open for use by participants. Other competitions might include a dunk tank, pie eating contests, ceremony competitions, and more.

The Healy Cup is a Saturday night tradition that includes a relay race through Camp Hinds. Segments will include biking, running, swimming, and canoeing. Lodges will be able to compete against Madockawanda Lodge, who holds the coveted trophy, at the Section Conclave.

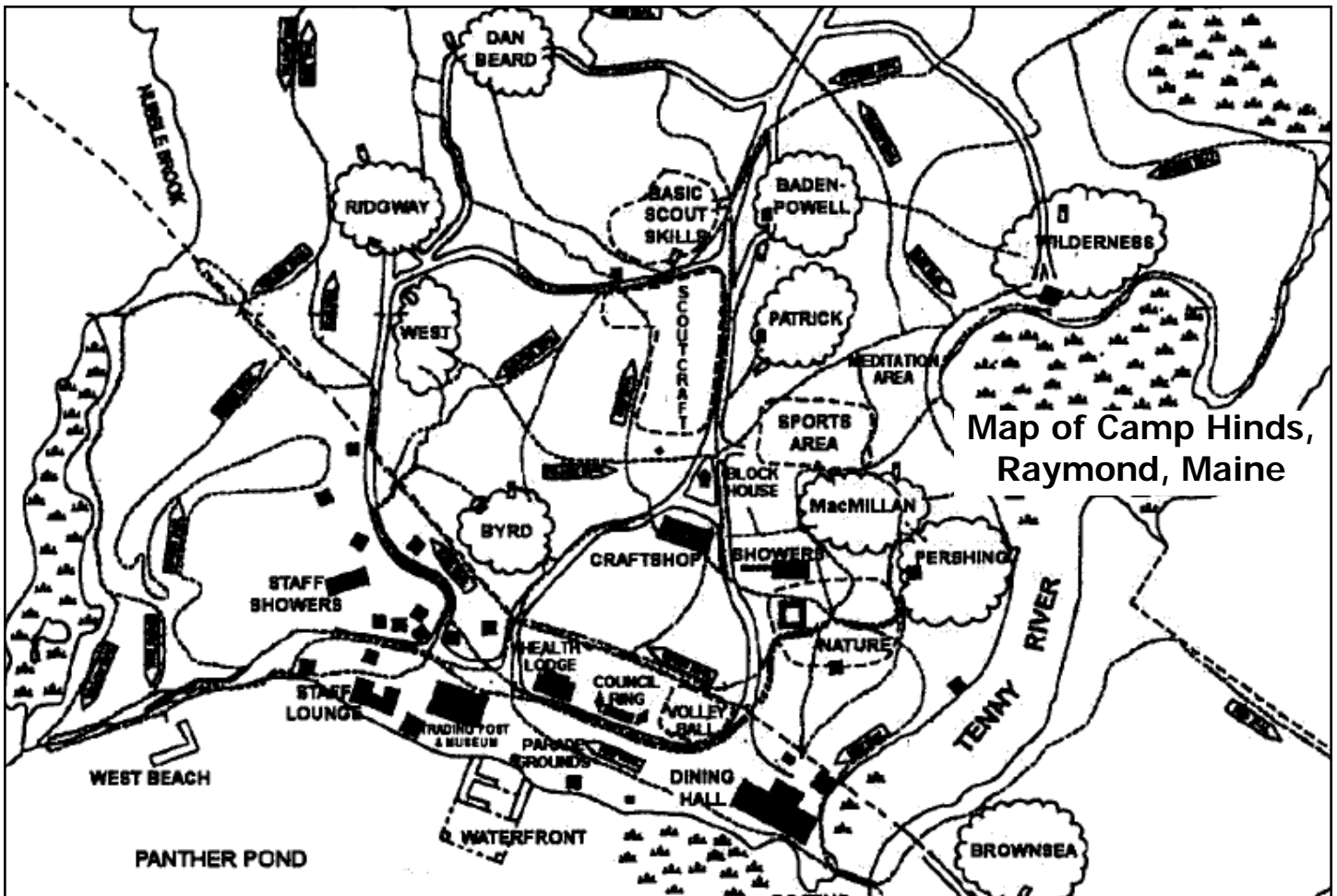
If you would like to help lead your Lodge to the top in competitions, contact your Lodge Chief today.

'08 National Chief to attend Section NE-1A Conclave



Jake Wellman, the 2008 National Chief, will be in attendance at the 2009 Section Conclave.

Jake is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member from the Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge, Great Southwest Council, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Section Conclave Code of Conduct

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, and as a participant in the 2009 Section NE-1A Conclave, I will:

1. Observe the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow. I will also practice Scout Spirit, respect the rights of others, and act in the spirit of Brotherhood in dealing with all whom I may come in contact with during the Conclave, whether or not I agree with their ideas or actions

2. Wear my Scout Uniform (Scout Shirt, Scout Pants or Shorts, Scout belt, Scout hat and Order of the Arrow Sash) during the Conclave when appropriate and required. For the afternoon activities, I understand I may wear a Scout T-Shirt, or

other Scout-related outfit as authorized.

3. Attend all workshops for which I have already committed to and participate in as many Conclave 2009 activities as I can.

4. Confine trading and socializing to free time (non-workshop or opening and closing ceremonies time) and in designated areas.

5. Be responsible for breakage, damage or loss of property incurred by me.

6. Observe quiet hours and lights out between taps and reveille.

7. Keep my quarters clean and dispose of trash in proper receptacles

8. Understand that smoking or use of tobacco products of any kind, or use or possession of alcoholic beverages or

illegal drugs is in violation of the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America and will not be permitted or tolerated, on or off the premises of Camp Hinds the entire weekend period, and failure to abide by these conditions my result in being sent home from the Conclave.

9. Understand that the possession or use of fireworks or firearms of any kind will not be permitted on or off the premises of Camp Hinds.

10. Understand that gambling in any form is not permitted during the weekend.

11. Respect Camp Hinds, including the natural features thereof.

12. Understand that only authorized vehicles will be permitted on the Camp Hinds property and then only

used during approved times when authorized.

13. Understand that I may not buy or sell memorabilia or other items during the Conclave other than those offered at the Trading Post at Camp Hinds.

14. Understand that leaving Camp Hinds will not be allowed during the Conclave at any time unless authorized by Conclave Adviser, Section Adviser, or Section Staff Adviser, and then only in cases of emergency or overriding urgency of cause. I further understand that leaving the camp for purpose of smoking, consumption of alcoholic beverages, or other unauthorized purposes may result in forfeiture of all conclave fees and violates of this policy shall be sent home immediately.

Design a Section NE-1A patch to commemorate its participation in the 2009 National OA Conference

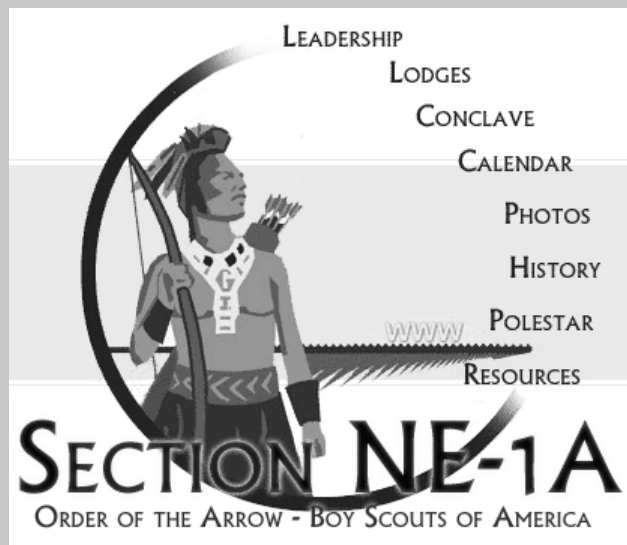


Design must include:

- Section NE-1A
- 2009
- NOAC or National Conference
- WWW
- BSA Fleur D Lis

Send designs to chief@ne1a.org.
Deadline is March 15, 2009

**Visit
WWW.NE1A.ORG**



www.ne1a.org is the official section website which includes conclave planning updates, copies of The Polestar, leadership contact information, links to all lodges within the section and links to Scouting and OA websites. Check it out today!!

Get your section and conclave gear!

The online trading post has clothing, patches, belt buckles, and more.
Order and pay directly online!



tradingpost.ne1a.org

2008 Section NE-1A Conclave



**Section Conclave
June 6-8, 2008**

**Mount Norris Scout
Reservation**

Eden, Vermont

**Hosted by
Ajapeu Lodge
Green Mountain Council**



Sign up for the NOAC 2009 at IU

National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our lodge who has been to one, and they will probably say it is among the greatest scouting experiences they have ever had.

Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on the campus of Indiana University for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about.

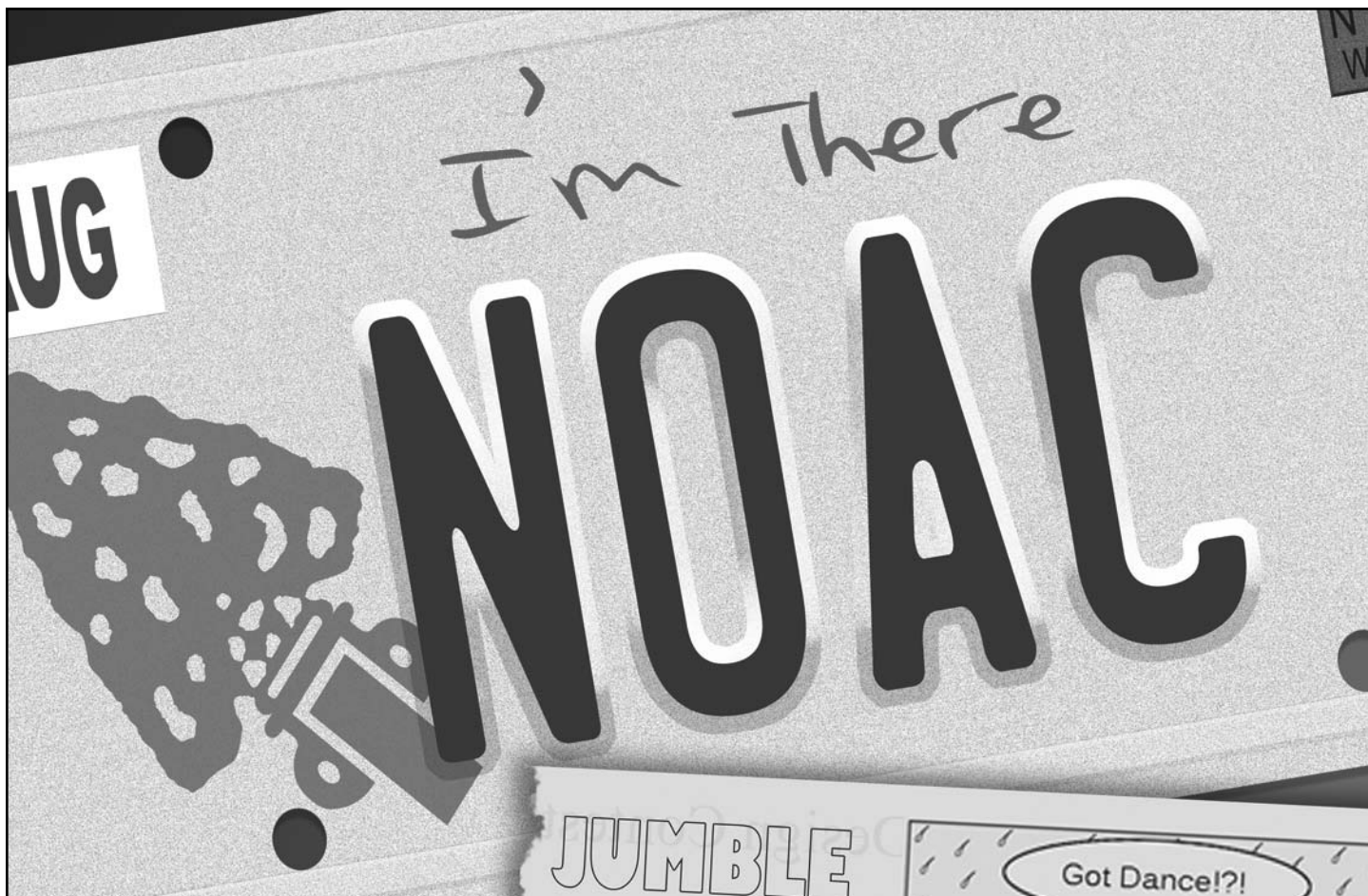
From August 1st through 6th 2009, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friend, great

food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, among many other great and amazing things.

In 2006, all Lodges in NE-1A sent contingents to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase the amount of participants and it all starts with you! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Section needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to your Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser for more information and how to sign up. Stay tuned to event.oa-bsa.org for updates! Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"

Visit event.oa-bsa.org for National Conference news and updates. Also, sign up for the National Event Promotions Email List for NOAC News that you can use!



2008 - 2009 Section Calendar

April

4 Section Key 8 Meeting - Camp Hinds, Raymond, ME
15 Section Conclave Registration Due - Early Bird
18 Council of Chiefs - Community Campus - Portsmouth, NH

May

27 Section Conclave Registration Due - Regular Fee

June

12-14 Section Conclave - Camp Hinds - Raymond, ME

August

1-6 National Order of the Arrow Conference



WE WANT YOU
to attend the Section NE-1A Conclave!
Details Enclosed. Dated materials so act today!

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Why should I attend the 2009
Section Conclave?

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Arrowmen should attend the 2009 Section Conclave because of the fellowship, shows, programs, and training. All new Ordeal Candidates should plan to attend as it gives each one of them insight into what the Order of the Arrow is about.

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Enclosures:

Conclave Registration Form
Conclave Health Form

DATED MATERIAL FOR THE 2009 SECTION CONCLAVE
ACT IMMEDIATELY AND DO NOT DELAY!