



# *The Sounds of Section S-4S*



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## Welcome to the Section S-4S Conference “Circle the Fire, Feed the Flame”

By Travis Sheehan

Welcome to the 2004 Section S-4S Conference! The event that Arrowmen look forward to is finally upon us. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has devoted many months to prepare for this awesome weekend in order to ensure that each conference delegate has a memorable experience. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has promised a great weekend packed with off-the-wall events, from a Last Man Standing Advisor Competition to a Dive-In Movie. This conference is important not only because of the fun and camaraderie that we will all enjoy, but also because it will inspire us and remind us of the purposes of membership in the Order of the Arrow and of the Scouting program.

The theme of this weekend is “Circle the Fire, Feed the Flame.” The theme incorporates the many values that our Order holds dear. We all “Circle the Fire” of brotherhood, as we did during our Ordeal ceremony, in the act of following Brother Kichkinet. As we “Feed the Flame”, we are expected to contribute to the Fire of Cheerfulness.

Throughout the weekend, Arrowmen from different lodges will compete in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Some of these events are Sand Ski Race, Smoothie Delight, Nerdling, Mortar Madness, and many others. The Arrowmen will also gather together to attend many seminars. Some of these seminars are History of the Seminole, Beadwork, Bustle Making, Advisor Forum, Scouting Collections, Building an Effective Website, along with many others. There will be many American Indian events such as competitions in drumming, singing, dancing, and craftwork. The dancing will have both solo and group dances. On Saturday afternoon, there will be the BIG EVENT. To find out what this is, you’ll have to be there. And that’s not all. Aal-Pa-Tah promises 24-hour fun



with anything from a giant Risk board to the official S-4S Hearts Tournament. Along with the 24-hour fun comes great food and cracker-barrels.

This conference weekend we have two special guests. Make sure to take the time to meet with your National Chief, Jeff Hayward, and Southern Region Chief, Seth Dearmin, and discuss your thoughts on how we can strengthen our Order, our lodges and section programs.

Though the fun is the motivation for most to attend, there is an important section business meeting on Sunday. Lodge awards will be presented and lodges will be recognized for individual achievements. During this meeting the Arrowmen of S-4S will elect the section’s 2004-2005 officers.

So don your sashes and have your Scouting spirit ready, because S-4S Section Conference 2004 is going to be one for the scrapbooks.

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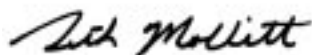
My Brothers,

Greetings and welcome to the Section Conference. For the past year Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge and the Council of Chiefs have worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's conference will be the best ever! I would like to take this time to thank them for their hard work and dedication, and I hope you will do the same.

This weekend also marks the completion of my year as Section Chief, and what a year it has been. I have truly enjoyed serving as your chief this year and would not trade a minute of it. It has been privilege working for you and representing you at the National Planning meeting and Southern Region gathering. During my term as chief I have done my best to get to know as many of you as I can, and I have tried to learn from you. To those of you I have met, thank you for your help and support. To those of you I have not met yet, there is always the future.

I hope that you all enjoy your weekend, and thank you!

Yours in Brotherhood,



Seth Mollitt  
2003-2004 S-4S Section Chief



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## From Your 2003-2004 Officers



Brothers,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Section S-4S Vice-Chief this past year. Looking back, Section S-4S has accomplished a lot. The weekends were great, and I enjoyed meeting so many of my brothers from around the section.

The Order of the Arrow is by far one of Scouting's greatest organizations, and having served you as a section officer has been an experience I will always remember.

In Brotherhood,  
**Adam Wintenburg**  
Section S-4S Vice-Chief



Dear Brothers,

It has been my pleasure serving Section S-4S as Historian. This position has allotted me the opportunity to travel to other lodges, meet and exchange ideas with national leadership, and explore my capabilities as a leader, serving in many leadership positions at once. I feel honored having served with the section leadership this year and couldn't have asked for better support from all, youth and adult alike. Thanks for all the good times!

In Brotherhood,  
**Travis Sheehan**  
Section S-4S Historian



My Brothers,

The conference will mark the end of the 2003-2004 program year. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Secretary for Section S-4S, one of the best sections of our Order. The experiences and opportunities have been fantastic and memorable.

I would like to thank the many Arrowmen who helped contribute articles to *The Sounds of the Section*. You made the task of Editor a much lighter burden and the newsletter your message to your fellow brothers. Thank you for a great year!

Yours in Brotherhood  
**David Summerlot**  
Section S-4S Secretary

# Great Expectations

By Jeff Jonassen

From those to whom much is given, much is expected, but are Arrowmen called on to do too much? For years, I have wondered how many more of Scouting's burdens our lodges and their leaders will be asked to bear. We have long been expected to support our council camping programs, provide service to our camps and communities and contribute financially to our councils. More recently, we have been asked to take a role in promoting council endowment programs and enhance our community service, and, at the national level, we have taken on service projects at Philmont and Northern Tier. Now we are obliged to play a role in helping extend the reach of Scouting into underserved communities through Scoutreach Mentoring, and we will soon be called upon to support Cub Scouting and the transition of Cubs into Scouts.

Can the Order of the Arrow be expected to meet so many of Scouting's needs? After all, we have our own ever-expanding programs to conduct. We work hard to provide lodge weekends and projects, section and region events and national programs like NOAC, Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage. Even more important is our obligation to provide quality induction experiences to the thousands of Scouts chosen for recognition by those in their troops, and to inspire them to return to their troops to serve their fellow Scouts. We strive to keep them involved to seal their membership in the Order and thereby enlist them to commit to lives of cheerful service. How can Scouting expect Arrowmen to do so much more?

The answer is—if not us, then who? Today, Scouting's needs are numerous and great. Our nation needs Scouting now more than ever, and in order to play a role in strengthening our country, Scouting



must not only grow in membership, it must expand its reach into every neighborhood. If Scouting is to grow and prosper, it must have a corps of individuals committed to its mission. To whom should Scouting turn for such support? Of course, it must turn to its national honor society, the Order of the Arrow, and we should be honored by Scouting's expectations of us.

So, in spite of the many projects and programs on our plates, we must redouble our efforts and strengthen our commitment to Scouting. We cannot claim to be short of manpower, as there are surely many Arrowmen in our lodges who have not been asked to give an extra measure of service. Lodge leaders must reach out to every member and ask him or her to do more. Every Arrowman, no matter how new to the Order, should ask how he can become more involved in the service of his lodge, and, if no answer comes, he should ask again and again.

Never before has so much been expected of the Order of the Arrow. We should embrace every new obligation as another opportunity to make a lasting difference in Scouting, in our communities and in the future of our Order. Years from now, I hope that it will be said that it was the Order of the Arrow that led Scouting in playing its most effective, positive role in the lives of America's youth. And I hope that each of you can proudly reflect on the part that you played in helping Scouting achieve its full potential.

# Founder's Award Recipients



In 1981, the National Order of the Arrow Committee established the Founder's Award to recognize those Arrowmen who memorialized the spirit of achievement as revealed to us by our Order's founders, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Colonel Carroll A. Edson. This award is presented by the lodge to those individuals who have given years of cheerful service to Scouting and the Order, and who, by their very actions and attitudes, are an example to others of unselfish aim and purpose.

Two section officers, Seth Mollitt and Adam Wintenburg, were recently recognized by their individual lodges and presented the Founder's Award. Seth Mollitt, Section S-4S Chief, served his lodge as Vigil chairman, ceremonies chairman, and lodge vice chief of training. He was also chairman of his district's camporee. Seth has been chief of the section for one and a half terms, and he is currently the chairman of the Inductions and Ceremonial Events Committee for the upcoming NOAC in Iowa.

Adam Wintenburg, Section S-4S Vice Chief, received the Founder's Award at Tipisa Lodge's Spring Conclave. Adam was the 2002-2003 Tipisa Lodge Chief. He also served as lodge treasurer for three years. He is currently the Vigil chairman.

Congratulations to these Arrowmen on their recognition as Founder's Award recipients.





# 2004 Philbreak

By Dan Leckron, Tipisa Lodge

How did you spend your spring break? Was it spent in the sun, hanging out with friends? Did you have the chance to build trails, ride in Suburbans, and ski? Well, I did all that and more at Philmont this spring break for a program they call Philbreak. Philbreak is a one-week vacation to Philmont Scout Ranch where Scouts and Venturers get the chance to build trails, work on existing trails, or do fire restoration in the "North Country."

My crew worked on a trail very close to the Philmont Training Center (PTC) called Uracca Mesa. The trail that people hiked was located at the bottom of the mesa, but now we have moved that trail up to the top of the mesa for better view and more pleasant hike. The trail work was hard work, but a lot of fun. It is an experience that most people would never be able to experience unless serving time in jail. This is a much better alternative if you ask me.

The Philbreak program occurs for three weeks. Each group of people takes on similar tasks at different

locations to get the jobs done quicker. The groups start as small as four people and range up to ten people, depending on what the jobs are for the day. Philbreak was started only a year ago and aimed towards older Scouts. It was originally an Order of the Arrow event similar to the two-week programs that Philmont and Northern Tier both have in the summer. Philbreak is a great way to meet people and spend a week vacation from school during the spring.

To be eligible for Philbreak, you must be between the age of 18-25. Either a Boy Scout, or a Venturer/Explorer. The cost is \$100, plus you must provide transportation for yourself. There are a limited number of participant slots available, so the sooner you get applications in for next year, the better. Lodge Chiefs should have the applications for Philbreak by December of 2004 for the 2005 Philbreak program.

If you're looking for a unique spring break experience, I recommend that you check out Philbreak



Dan Leckron of Tipisa Lodge attended the 2004 Philbreak program at Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico.



## Sign Up Now for OA High Adventure

By David Summerlot

Summer is almost upon us. Have you made plans in order to make this summer one you will remember for a lifetime? The National Order of the Arrow Committee, in conjunction with Philmont Scout Ranch and the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base, is offering two unique high adventure programs that can provide Arrowmen a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The OA Trail Crew program is held at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is based at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota. What is unexpectedly awesome about these opportunities is that they

are both extremely affordable. The cost for Philmont Trail Crew is \$125 and the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is \$100. Participants must also pay for transportation to these high adventure bases.

Detailed information and applications for both programs can be found on the National OA website at [www.bsa-oa.org](http://www.bsa-oa.org). Spaces are filling up, so act quickly. Would you like to be able to participate in the voyage program for free? The Section is offering scholarships for the 2004 OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. If you are interested, information is available through your lodge or the section. Do not let this opportunity pass you by!

### OA Trail Crew Dates

Summer 2004 dates are:

- Session 1: June 8-22
- Session 2: June 15-29
- Session 3: June 22-July 6
- Session 4: June 29-July 13
- Session 5: July 6-20
- Session 6: July 13-27

### OA Voyage Dates

Summer 2004 dates are:

- Session 1: June 10-23
- Session 2: June 17-30
- Session 3: June 24-July 7
- Session 4: July 1-14
- Session 5: July 8-21
- Session 6: July 15-28

# Meet Your National OA Leaders

## National Chief Jeff Hayward



Jeff Hayward's favorite quote:

*"Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jeff Hayward, the 2004 national chief, comes from Central Region (Section C-1A) and Tetonwana Lodge from Pierre, South Dakota. He is 19 years old and is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order. He has served in the OA in many areas, including section and lodge chief.

Jeff was on staff for the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer and the 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). He attended the 1997 National Scout Jamboree, Philbreak, and National Leadership Seminar.

Jeff is currently a student at the University of South Dakota and is studying business management. He enjoys mountain biking, camping, lacrosse, climbing, and racquetball.

Jeff's goals for the upcoming year include leading the Order through a successful 2004 NOAC and inspiring all Arrowmen to serve the Order in every way possible.

## National Vice Chief David Dowty



David Dowty's favorite quote:

*"To work at the things you love, or for those you love, is to turn work into play and duty into privilege."*

--Ralph Parlette

David Dowty will serve as the 2004 national vice chief. David is from Northeast Region (Section NE-2B) and Black Eagle Lodge of the Transatlantic Council in Germany. The 19-year-old is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and an assistant Scoutmaster. David attended the 1998 and 2000 NOACs, National Leadership Seminar, and his region's Section Officer Seminar.

David is a student of Johnson and Wales University, majoring in international business. He enjoys theater, debate, sailing, and playing golf.

David's goals for this year are to continue the implementation of the Scoutreach Mentoring Program throughout the BSA and OA. He also will be striving to improve OA membership retention, communication, and the sharing of knowledge and ideas.

## Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage

Ask Your Lodge Chief How You Can Go for FREE!!!



## Southern Region Chief, Seth Dearmin



*"I am excited about the coming year for the Southern Region, and the opportunity to lead an amazing group of section chiefs...I am thrilled about the challenge ahead and ready to execute a fun and memorable term as region chief."*

Seth Dearmin is from Section SR-7B and the Wahissa Lodge of Pinnacle, North Carolina. He is a 19-year-old Eagle Scout from Troop 400. Seth is a Vigil Honor member. As a geography major at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Dearmin enjoys backpacking, triathlons, climbing, and socializing. He is involved with the NC Fellows, Chapel Hill Music Fest, and dance marathon.

Seth's main goal for the 2004-2005 year is to have fun through service. He hopes that the end result of a fun-filled and exciting year will be the renewed commitment of Arrowmen in the Southern Region and stronger programs.



# 2004 NOAC Nearing

By Seth Mollitt

The 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will attract nearly 7000 Arrowmen from all over the country. These Arrowmen will gather together for a week at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. While at the conference, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to participate in all kinds of activities ranging from training, to ceremonies evaluations, to basketball tournaments, and all-night parties. NOAC is one of the greatest opportunities Arrowmen have in the OA. The conference allows

Arrowmen to gather together for fun and training while experiencing the fellowship and brotherhood that can only happen at a national conference. NOAC participants can also experience three nights of world-class shows and American Indian Dancing, and can attend the High Adventure Exposition, which will be staffed by some of the nation's most well-known and respected gear manufacturers. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

## Around the Section



### Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge

Brothers,  
Having been a member of the Order for six years and serving as an officer at the Section level, I've seen an array of Section Conferences, NOACs, and Lodge weekends. In all that time, I have never experienced a schedule so articulated and fast acting as this year's Section Conference. As you walk the grounds of Tanah Keeta, be mindful of all. Remember the schedule. Remember the activities. Remember the competitions. Remember your Lodge. But most importantly, remember your Brothers. They are here from around the state to experience this event of mammoth proportions with you, beside you. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has faithfully served for over a year and a half to bring you the most action packed, trained, thrilling, non-stop Conference in the history of the Section. Take advantage of every moment here, there is sure to be more than one thing going on at once! If there is anything the host lodge can do to better accommodate your stay at our camp, feel free to ask any host corps member and he or she will gladly answer with a smile and a solution! Enjoy the conference!

In Witahemui,  
Travis P. Sheehan  
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge  
Host Lodge Chief  
Section S-4S Program Director



### Echockotee Lodge\*



### Osceola Lodge\*



### O-Shot-Caw Lodge\*



### Semialachee Lodge

NOAC 2004: Here we come! Semialachee Lodge will be going to Iowa in full force with a record 20 contingent members. We are excited about the unforgettable experiences we will have at this conference.

Our lodge is now concentrating on our summer fellowship, May 14-16 at Camp Wallwood. The program is packed full of fun activities, including a dive-in movie on Friday night and BMX racing on Saturday. We will also be performing brotherhood counseling and a ceremony for our eligible members.

Semialachee Lodge would like to thank Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge for their hard work and dedication they put into the planning of the Section Conference. A conference like this one hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah is a prime example of why Section S-4S is the best in the Nation.

See you at the conference and NOAC 2004!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
**Daniel A. McMillan**  
Semialachee Lodge Chief



## Seminole Lodge\*



## Timuquan Lodge\*



## Tipisa Lodge

During our Spring Conclave weekend, the Arrowmen of Tipisa Lodge searched for the answer to a simple but important question: "What is the best of Tipisa?" The answer caused us to begin our quest before the birth of our lodge and examine the origins of our Order.

Our founders, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, recognized that cheerful service, as a life purpose is servant leadership. Their vision of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, ablaze in their hearts, has ignited a fire in each of ours. Our work is their legacy and what we do and say is a reflection of their vision to set our lives on the right path and inspire others to do the same. Servant leadership is truly the essence of our Order.

As Meteu taught us "...we must be willing to stand beside them, through their ordeals until they enter into

the bond of brotherhood." Meteu is like the moon, which sometimes from the east watches the setting of the day-star. When night comes, it still faces the sun beyond the horizon, and as a mirror, reflects daylight to us. The moon reassures those who must journey at night. Likewise, the bonds of brotherhood give us strength in dark and fearful times.

Clay Capp, past National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, found himself inspired by cheerfulness. He wrote "Cheerfulness signifies the continual commitment to life, the constant vigilance with which cheerful people face the world and problems in a way that transcends simple optimism." "Cheerfulness" doesn't mean denying fear, it means facing it...in all its forms. It means facing the temptations that physical desires and social pressures set before us. Nutiket personifies the impulse in each of us that faces fear as we pursue the inward journey toward a brighter vision of life.

In his inauguration speech, President Bush said this "Our duty is to fulfill in service to one another, never yielding, never finishing." "Service" is a choice not merely between "yes" and "no" but a quality choice between "yes" and "yes indeed!" We, like Allowat Sakima, strive to call forth the most courageous, enthusiastic responses: the "O my father, I am ready, send ME..." responses. Because choices are important to us, we are also concerned with decision, resolution, and obligation because we know that through our example, others will be led.

The personification of Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service through a life habit of servant Leadership allows us to become beacons in the lives of our brothers. Kichkinet, our role model friend, produces the same effect in us, as each newly risen sun does in nourishing the earth. This is why Kichkinet stands in the east. He is a beacon in the night, and the first light to those in darkness just as we are a shining example among our peers.

Every Scout elected to our Order has the potential to become a great leader. Of far greater importance than title, position, or stature is the quality that separates the truly great leaders from all the rest: compassion for others. Our Founders vision of servant leadership begins by taking an interest in other people's lives, subordinating our desires to their needs, and striving to personify the Kichkinet model of friendship.

So, what is the best of Tipisa?

The answer...YOU ARE... as Arrowmen you are Tipisa and because of you "the best" has yet to come!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
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Lodge Chief

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# Calendar of Events



## 2004

### May

19-21 BSA National Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

### June-July

June 8 - Jul 27 Philmont OA Trail Crew, New Mexico

Jun 10 - Jul 28 OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage, Minnesota

### July-August

Jul 31 - Aug 5 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)  
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

### November

5-7 Section S-4S Seminars and Council of Chiefs  
Camp Flying Eagle, Bradenton, Florida

## 2005

### April

8-10 Section S-4S Conference, Camp Lone Oak  
McGregor Smith Scout Reservation, Inverness, Florida

### October

TBD National Leadership Seminars and National Lodge Adviser  
Training Seminar, Location TBD

### November

11-13 Section S-4S Seminars and Council of Chiefs, Sand Hill Scout  
Reservation, Brooksville, Florida

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## In the Next Edition...

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