

2015

NATIONAL CONFERENCE RESERVATION INFO



INFORMATION ENCLOSED:

Council Contingent Reservations

Your online application is your council's initial reservations to attend the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Once your reservation is submitted and approved, your council will be billed for the nonrefundable deposit of \$100 per participant. Online registration will be available beginning August 1, 2014.

Conference Administrative and Program Information

Conference administrative and program information will be available to all council contingents through the NOAC Event Information Site at event.oa-bsa.org on April 1, 2015.

Trading Post Merchandise

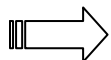
Orders for NOAC trading post merchandise are to be placed through the Trading Post at tradingpost.oa-bsa.org. After placing an order, Scouts and Scouters should print a copy of their order. Merchandise will be available for purchase online February 15, 2015.

NOAC Conference Staff Application

A detailed description of the NOAC conference staff application process is enclosed for those youth and adult Arrowmen interested in serving on a conference committee.

2015 NOAC Promotion Video

A seven minute promotion video suitable for promoting the 2015 NOAC is available on the OA Website in the [Lodge Program Pak](#).



THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun.

As you promote the conference to your membership and plan the details for your council's involvement in conference activities, keep in mind the many benefits that are likely to accrue for your lodge and its members. Participants will return home with:

- A deeper understanding of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Order of the Arrow Obligation, and what it means to "live" these words in one's daily life.
- A renewed spirit, pride, and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.
- Ideas their lodge can use to better serve Scouting at the unit, district and council levels.
- New programs, knowledge, and skills to improve lodge and chapter operations.
- Enhanced leadership skills and a better understanding of how to carry out the work of the lodge.
- The latest information on outdoor and high-adventure programming, including how to successfully promote Boy Scout camping.
- New friendships with fellow Arrowmen from throughout the nation.
- Memories to last a lifetime!

DATES AND LOCATION

The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will begin with dinner on Monday, August 3 and end after breakfast on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. All council contingents will be able to select an arrival time for Monday, August 3 through the NOAC Registration site at registration.aa-bsa.org starting April 1, 2015.

(The conference will not include an early arrival day.)

ATTENDANCE

All Arrowmen who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and have their council's approval, are eligible to participate in the 2015 NOAC.

All participants must register as a member of a council contingent or be a member of the conference staff.

CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee is \$475.00 for youth and adult members who pay their total conference fee by May 31, 2015 (postmark date). Conference fees paid after May 31, 2015 will be \$550.00 for youth and adult members. All late fees must be received by the National OA Director no later than June 30, 2015. The fee includes five night's housing, five full days of program and training, 14 meals, program and support materials, registration materials, insurance, and recognition items during the six-day conference. The fee is payable in the following manner:

COUNCIL CONTINGENT RESERVATIONS

For the 2015 NOAC, each council may send as many Arrowmen as they approve to attend the conference. There will be no set ratio of youth reservations to adult reservations; however councils are expected to provide every opportunity for Arrowmen under the age of 21 to attend NOAC. Adult participation should be approved on the basis of need to provide responsible leadership supervision for the council contingent (**at least one adult for every 15 youth**); and all contingents must maintain at least two-deep adult leadership traveling to, from and during the conference.

To secure the youth and adult spaces desired, each council must complete the online Council Contingent Reservation. Your council will be billed for the nonrefundable deposit of \$100.00 per participant. No individual reservations will be accepted. **The Council Contingent Reservation must be submitted on the NOAC Registration Site at: <https://registration.aa-bsa.org> beginning August 1, 2014.**

Councils will be billed the remainder of each participant's fee in two installments: \$200 in February and \$175 in May of 2015.

Encourage adult Arrowmen in your council to establish a special fund to help youth members attend and share in the conference spirit. Your council, lodge and Scouting will benefit for years to come!

NOAC PROMOTION PATCH

A specially designed 2015 NOAC promotion patch will be mailed to contingent leaders after their participant reservation deposits are received in the national office. **Participants are encouraged to wear the patch to help promote the conference (see enclosed NOAC promotion patch flyer).** A conference patch will also be sold at NOAC and can be pre-ordered by going to the Trading Post on-line.

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LODGE PATCHES FOR THE 2015 NOAC

Lodges interested in using the Michigan State University name or logos regarding usage, placement, scale, or positioning must be reviewed and approved by the university. To acquire approval, use the following MSU website: <http://www2.ur.msu.edu/resources/graphic-standards/index.html>. Use of the university mascot "Sparty" will **not** be approved.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

The \$100.00 per-person deposit is transferable to a substitute participant (youth or adult) within the same council on a one-for-one basis, but it is nonrefundable, and may not be applied to the balance due for another person. All requests for cancellation made in writing to the OA director by June 30, 2015 will receive a full refund of all fees, minus their deposit amount of \$100. Participants canceling their reservation after June 30, 2015 will forfeit their entire conference fee.

LODGE KEY 3 RECOGNITION

The Lodge Key 3 will receive an attractive golf shirt with the national conference logo for attending the 2015 NOAC. (The Lodge Key 3 includes the lodge chief, lodge adviser, and lodge staff adviser or Scout executive; and all three must attend to receive this special recognition.)

NATIONAL OA COMMITTEE

The national Order of the Arrow Committee, led by National Chairman Ray Capp, will host and provide overall guidance and leadership to the 2015 national conference.

Veteran Arrowmen from around the nation make up the national committee and bring to the NOAC not only extensive Order of the Arrow and Scouting experience, but years of expertise in staging and administrating conferences.

Michael Hoffman of Scottsdale, Arizona has been appointed conference chairman and will be assisted by the following deputies: Glenn Ault, Scott Beckett, Jack Butler, Andy Chapman, Randy Cline, Carey Mignerey and Clint Takeshita. Clyde Mayer, National OA Director, will be the conference staff adviser.

The following veteran Scouters, each with extensive NOAC experience, have been appointed to serve as LEAD ADVISERS to one of the functioning committees for the 2015 national conference:

Activities and Recreation (ARC)

Mike Bliss

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Email: mikebliss@charter.net

Responsible for staging a variety of activities, including: athletic competition, recreation activities, movies, and religious services.

Administrative Services

Chris Grove

Troy, Ohio

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The support arm of the conference, providing for a variety of services that make the conference operate smoothly: registration, housing, food service, equipment & material procurement, transportation, security, health and safety, storage, etc.

American Indian Activities (AIA)

Ron Bell

Miami, Florida

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Responsible for conducting the many and varied American Indian programs, including pageants, dance, singing and regalia competitions and the American Indian Show.

Centennial

Donald J. Cunningham

New York, New York

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Responsible for developing and providing leadership to all centennial celebrations throughout the conference, which includes the following: legacy project, centennial banquet, anniversary rededication (including the centennial fire), and the 100th festival.

Communications

Tony Fiori

New York, New York

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Responsible for the various media outlets at NOAC, including the newspaper, website, social media, hometown blogs, information booths, and national event promotions.

Concierge

Frank Harper

Newnan, Georgia

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Responsible for all special guests and VIP's attending the conference. This committee will also serve as the liaison between the council contingent leaders, the OA and university staffs.

Endowment

Jason Hood

Memphis, Tennessee

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Responsible for furthering the efforts of the Order of the Arrow Endowment program at NOAC, through recognizing donors, conducting the program at the Goodman Society Luncheon, and other promotional efforts.

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Financial Services

Craig Davis

Austin, Texas

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Responsible for oversight of daily financial and business operations of the conference. He is directly responsible to the conference chairman and national director for fiscal operations.

Foreman Corps

Alyx Parker

Savoy, Illinois

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Responsible for assisting lodge contingents during arrival and departure, pre-conference mobilization of all program areas, providing manpower support during the conference, and for disassembling program areas at the end of the conference, ready for shipment off university property.

Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE)

John Rotruck

Gaithersburg, Maryland

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This committee is responsible for helping lodges improve the quality of the full spectrum of their OA inductions, from conducting unit elections to the Vigil Honor, via classroom sessions and live evaluations of ceremonies teams.

NESA@NOAC

Steve Silbiger

Los Angeles, California

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Responsible for all NESA related events at the conference, which include the NESA Entertainment Show, dinner, and other exhibits and activities.

Outdoor Adventures

Nick Digirolamo

Tampa, Florida

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This committee is responsible for all high adventure related activities, including the Experience, Adventure Central, OA Extreme, STEM, Arrowman Conservation School, high adventure training, and more.

Region Chiefs

Steve Bradley

Riverside, California

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Responsible for OA contingent arrival orientations, experiences and activities at NOAC. This committee will also conduct the Thursday night Region Gatherings and activities. On Friday, each region will also have an exhibit at the Centennial Day festival.

Registration

Tim Terry

Lexington, Kentucky

Email: registrar@registration.aa-bsa.org

Responsible for working with council contingents and staff during the pre-event registration process and on-site check-in.

Shows

Max Sasseen

Lawton, Oklahoma

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This committee is responsible for the development, production, and staging of the Opening Show, Recognition

Show, Theme Show, and supporting the American Indian and NESA Shows at the conference.

Special Events

Tony Steinhardt

Indianapolis, Indiana

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Responsible for all special events and activities, receptions, Very Important Arrowmen (VIA) luncheons, Distinguished Service Award and Red Arrow reception and dinner, professional Scouter luncheon, meetings with national officers and committeemen, OA museum, and NOAC band and chorus.

Technology

Craig Salazar

Franklin, Tennessee

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Responsible for providing all the necessary technology support for all functioning conference committees, administrative and program.

Trading Post

Kaylene Trick

New Berlin, Pennsylvania

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Responsible for the successful operation of the NOAC, Endowment, American Indian and satellite trading posts at the conference.

Training

David Garrett

Franklin, Tennessee

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This committee is responsible for planning, developing and conducting all training programs and educational opportunities for both youth and adult Arrowmen; this includes the National Council of Chiefs (NCO) session at the conference.

