

Conference Administrative and Program Information

Complete conference administrative and program Information will be available to all council contingents on April 1, 2015 by going to the NOAC Event Website: event.oa-bsa.org

Administrative information will include information about Michigan State University, emergency contact information, medical requirements, risk management issues, contingent and participant needs list, and much more. Airport shuttle service from the Detroit International Airport to Michigan State University in East Lansing will be provided for a round trip fee of \$50.00 per participant on Monday, August 3, returning on Saturday, August 8 ONLY. Additional information about the airport and campus bus transportation will be published online April 1, 2015. **The conference will not include an early arrival day.**

Once the council contingent's reservation has been submitted online and approved by its Scout Executive, the contingent may start registering its individual participants. **IMPORTANT:** After April 1, 2015, youth and adult Arrowman will be asked to make choices about the training sessions he or she would like to participate in, along with program activities that require a reservation. (Some special meals and activities will require the purchase of a ticket for admittance.) **All individual registrations must be completed by May 31, 2015 to secure their choices for training or activities. Remember, the NOAC administrative and program information will not be released until April 1, 2015.**

MEDICAL INFORMATION REQUIRED: All NOAC participants and staff will be required to have a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C) to attend the conference. All youth and adult medical examinations (Part C) must have been completed after August 31, 2014 to be valid. Additional information about medical care available at the conference and those conditions that may require a waiver will be included in the April 1, 2015 administrative information. **No BSA Annual Health and Medical Record examinations will be performed by NOAC medical personnel onsite.**

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING MANDATORY: All participants and staff 18 years of age and older attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference, must complete the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training. **It is mandatory that all registered BSA adult Scouters take the online Youth Protection Training, within the past two years prior to attending NOAC.** The training must be completed and marked on their individual registration form prior to arriving on the Michigan State University campus. The Youth Protection Training can be found on Scouting.org for the Boy Scout program.

The NOAC Event Website will also provide program information and an activity and training guide for conference participants. Information about religious services, conference shows, recreational opportunities, American Indian activities, outdoor programs and special events will also be included on the portal.

TRADING POST RESERVED ORDERS

Lodge contingent participants and NOAC staff members must utilize the Web Portal to order merchandise in advance of the 2015 conference. This will help ensure all mementos desired can be obtained and avoid long lines and possible disappointment in attempting to purchase merchandise at NOAC. Additional items, not found on the Web Portal, will be available for purchase at the conference.

On February 15, 2015, Arrowmen will be able to order merchandise for pick-up at the conference or by mail order by using the Trading Post Site: tradingpost.oa-bsa.org

All mail orders will be shipped from the conference site between August 1 and August 7, 2015. Reserved orders must be picked up on Monday, August 3 or Tuesday, August 4 of the conference, at the NOAC trading post location.

NOAC CONFERENCE STAFF

A National Order of the Arrow Conference could not function effectively without the dedicated service of those Arrowmen who work with one of the conference committees listed in the National Conference Reservation Information packet. These Arrowmen are referred to as "conference staff".

Members of the NOAC staff pay their own way to the conference, often traveling with their own council contingent. At the conference, they are housed with other conference staff members and work in a support role to help make the national conference program a successful and enjoyable event for all participants.

All youth and adult Arrowmen interested in serving on the 2015 NOAC staff can apply online at the NOAC Registration Site: <https://registration.oa-bsa.org> beginning August 1, 2014. Each staff application will be electronically forwarded for approval by the Council Scout Executive or Lodge Staff Adviser. The deadline for submitting a support staff application to the national office for Lead Adviser and OA Director approval is March 31, 2015.