

# The Monthly G4-Cast

Welcome Arrowmen to the Summer issue of the G4-Cast! These newsletters will provide insight into upcoming events and training for all Arrowmen residing in the Order of the Arrow's Gateway Region Section G4.

The G4-Cast (G-forecast... get it?) will be published bi-monthly to give you the latest news from the Section.

#### **Section Calendar**

Event	Location	Date	Link
National Council of Chiefs	Philmont Scout Ranch Cimarron,NM	July-21st-July 26th	https://oa- scouting.org/program/eve nts/ncoc
ACT Conference	<tbd></tbd>	Sept. 19th-21st	<tbd></tbd>
NLS/DYLC - Gateway Region	(Boise, ID)	October 10th-12th	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)
NLS / DYLC - Gateway Region	(Fort Worth, TX)	November 7th-9th	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)
NLS / DYLC - Gateway Region	(Southern CA)	November 22nd-24th	NLS Info (Arrowmen) DYLC Info (adults)
2026 G4 Conclave	<tbd></tbd>	May 1st-3rd,2026	<tbd></tbd>

Our Section Communications Committee (SCC) is working hard to bring you the news from around the section and keep you updated on fun activities. Look out for posts on Instagram or Facebook and check out the section website at <a href="SectionG4.org">SectionG4.org</a>

### **Reminders and Announcements:**

The Order of the Arrow has officially announced the location for the 2027 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)! The event will be hosted at the **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, bringing together Arrowmen from across the country for a week of training, fellowship, and celebration of Scouting traditions.

# **2025 Conclave Recap:**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Mixti Wanaxe graciously hosted G4's 2025 Section Conclave.

Our Medieval themed Conclave, held at Camp Rockefeller, in Damascus AR, brought our Section together once again in fellowship, growth, and friendship.



Arrowmen enjoyed getting to meet each other from across the Section and states as they worked together and Competed in quest games, enjoyed showcasing in a silent auction, had a blast on the zipline, and the cowboy action shooting. Lodges showcased their incredible skills and areas of expertise through friendly competitions, in ceremonies, and unit elections, and enjoyed joining in fellowship for our evening show.

Of course, we have to have a round of applause for our Golden Arrow award recipient lodge...



Ema o' Maphe!

Naturally, one of the key events of any Section Conclave is our Section Leadership Election. We excitedly announce our 2025-2026 G4 Section Officers.

Bryce Mosley as our Section Chief (far left)

Adelaide W. as our Section Vice Chief (middle)

Emily W. as our Section Secretary (far right)





# Section Officer Introductions: Section Chief: Bryce

1. What is your main goal for the Section?

To provide the lodges all the tools they need to succeed.

- 2. How do you plan to achieve this goal?
- 3. By providing comprehensive training and support to the Lodges and their Officers.
- 4. What is something you believe needs to be continued in the Section?

The Section newsletter needs to continue as it lets the Section interact with the Arrowmen throughout it.

5. Where do you see yourself in the next year?

I see myself at an amazing Section Conclave surrounded by a great team of CVCs, Lodge Chiefs, and Section Officers.

6. How long have you been in OA?

I have been a member of the OA since August of 2022.

7. Do you have any hobbies?

When I get the chance, I always enjoy sailing.

8. What is your favorite part of OA?

I have always enjoyed the experiences of brotherhood I have had with my fellow Arrowmen.

9. What Lodge are you from?

I am from Ma-Nu Lodge

10. Where do your priorities lie for OA and Scouts?

My priorities lie with the Arrowmen with the Section.

11. If you could hold this spot for another year, what would you want to do?

I would want to continue serving the Section to the best of my abilities.

12. What is your favorite part about the Section events?

I always enjoy meeting everyone from all over Oklahoma and Arkansas.

13. What can we look forward to with you as Section Chief?

I plan to go to various Lodge's events.

14. Why did you join Scouts in general?

To learn skills that I could use throughout my life.

15. If you could relive a memory from your past OA experiences, what would it be?

A memory I would relive is my first Fall Festival; the amount of fun and all the great people I met is something I will never forget.



#### Vice - Chief: Adelaide

1. What is your main goal for the Section?

My vision is we would operate and serve in a way that energizes and supports our Lodges and their leadership in implementing the Scouting program in a way that serves others, fosters their individual growth, equips and empowers those individuals to help their units prosper, and leave a positive lasting impact on our part of the nation.

2. How do you plan on achieving this goal?

I will establish the Section Training Committee that will ensure quality training that contributes to personal development and execution of the Scouting program at Council of Chiefs, ACT Conference, and Conclave. Initiating Adapt, Collaborate, and Thrive (ACT Conference) to provide a stimulating weekend of growth and vision for every Arrowman in our Section. Foster opportunities to contribute to what our Section is doing to serve (this could look like being a part of the training committee, Conclave planning team, ACT planning team, Communications Committee, etc.). I will cultivate an environment where there is a place for everyone to find their niche and grow in ways that benefit their unit, chapter, lodge, and themselves personally. I will ensure that the Council of Chiefs (COCs), ACT Conference, and Conclave will be opportunities for Lodges to join together in fun, fellowship, and energetic and supportive friendship as we go about our mission of serving others.

3. What is something you believe needs to be continued in the Section?

We need to continue to provide and invest in opportunities to not just serve others and prepare for adulthood, but also to allow Arrowmen to connect with each other from across the Section and join in fellowship and friendship. After all, one of our key pillars is brotherhood, and these connections are things we will carry with us for the rest of our lives and stimulate our lifelong pursuit to embody the Scout Oath and Law in every area of our lives.

4. Where do you see yourself in the next year?

I see myself facilitating a Section ACT Conference, empowering a robust and productive Training Committee of Arrowmen from every Lodge in our Section, building supportive and energetic communities within our Section, and fostering involvement and inclusion with every youth leader in our Section. I see our Section becoming a place that is supportive, exciting, and empowering of our Lodges to be the place where Arrowmen go to find their spark for Scouting and life, their closest friends, guidance and mentorship in their individual journeys, and the skills they need to take on the challenge and adventure that is life.

5. How long have you been in Order of the Arrow?

I have been serving in my Chapter and Lodge and working to take what I have learned and have been learning back to my unit since my induction in Fall of 2022.

6. Do you have any hobbies?

Even before I became a Scout, I enjoyed hiking, camping, and being in nature. I also love reading and creative writing, learning about history, government, and law, spending time with my friends and family, watching sci-fi movies with a message, and running (slowly, not too fast, nor too far).

7. What is your favorite part of the Order of the Arrow?

The first one is working with people who share Scouting values and have a passion to serve



others. I love it when our specific visions, opinions, skills, and experiences are different, but shared values make it possible to work together to bring true impact to our Units and Lodge. My second favorite part is how the OA program gives youth the opportunity to not just gain the skills that they will need for the rest of their lives but also to practice those skills naturally and in a supportive, yet challenging, environment.

- 8. What Lodge are you from?
  - I am a member of Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge, Indian Nations Council, based out of Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 9. If you could hold this position for another year what would you want to do?

  I would want to continue to serve and invest in our Lodges by improving the breadth and depth of the ACT Conference, improving the quality of the opportunities for Arrowmen to connect at Conclave and in-person COC meetings, and explore exciting and fun ways to implement the best practices and guidance provided to Lodges by the National Order of the Arrow Committee. I want to serve the Lodges and encourage Arrowmen to not just be involved in their Lodge and Chapters but most importantly their units and community.
- 10. What's your favorite part about the Section events?

  I love the opportunity to meet, work with, and get to know youth leaders from other parts of our Section.
- 11. What can we possibly look forward to with you as Section Vice Chief?

  You can look forward to an energetic and supportive community, fellowship, opportunities to grow as an individual and leader. If you are a Lodge Officer, in-person COCs will be a key opportunity, and ACT Conference and Conclaves for every Arrowman. Most importantly, look forward to living the stories and making the friendships that you will carry with you for the rest of your lives.
- 12. Why did you join Scouts in general?
  - I was fortunate to have the opportunity to join Scouting starting in Cub Scouts because I was attracted to the challenge and opportunity to be outdoors at the time. Now, I would join Scouts for the opportunity to grow in character, leadership, and develop citizenship skills, and test myself mentally and physically.
- 13. If you could relive a memory from your past OA experiences, what would it be?

  If I could relive any memory from my experience in the Order of the Arrow, it would be the moment, the purpose of the Order of the Arrow and what kind of person I could be. I was listening to a presentation at a National Leadership Seminar and all of a sudden, the purpose of the Order of the Arrow—the whole reason we are here and investing so heavily into other individuals—just made sense to me. And I got a glimpse of the kind of leader and person I could become through the examples of those youth leaders in front of me. I remember being so excited to get the opportunity to invest in what we as an organization could offer others that I could hardly wait to get home to my Lodge and share my ideas and get to work. That experience not only led me to serve more fervently in my Unit, but I also took steps to serve in my Lodge and Chapter. I came back motivated to set my own personal goals and pursue opportunities to invest in my skills and character and to focus on serving others in ways that I would not have otherwise.



#### **Secretary: Emily**

- 1. What is your main goal for the Section?
  - My goal is to ensure that every member of Section G4 has timely access to the latest updates, opportunities, and important information to stay informed and engaged.
- 2. How do you plan on achieving this goal?
  - I plan to strengthen communication across the section by working closely with the Section Communications Committee to ensure consistent updates through social media,newsletters, and the section website. I'll prioritize making information accessible and easy to understand, and I'll actively seek feedback from Arrowmen to improve how we share important news and opportunities. My goal is to make sure no one feels out of the loop—whether they're a new member or a seasoned leader.
- 3. What is something you believe needs to be continued in the Section? Something that needs to continue is the consistent and clear communication of information to all members. The Section Secretary plays a key role in making sure that updates about events, deadlines, and opportunities are shared in a timely and accessible way. Strong communication keeps our Section connected and thriving.
- 4. Where do you see yourself in the next year?
  - I see myself working hard to improve how we communicate and ensuring every Arrowman feels informed and engaged. I want to be someone lodge's can rely on for support and timely information. Beyond that, I hope to grow as a leader, learn from those around me, and help inspire more youth to step into leadership roles within their own lodges and the section.
- How long have you been in the OA?
   I was inducted into the OA in April of 2021, and became a Brotherhood member in April of 2022.
   I recently became a Vigil Member in May of this year.
- 6. Do you have any hobbies?
  - I love to do anything that involves nature or the outdoors, from fishing to rock climbing. I also enjoy many crafts, such as beadwork and painting.
- 7. What is your favorite part of OA?
  - My favorite part of the OA is its foundation in American Indian culture, which emphasizes respect, service, and community—values that are deeply tied to what it means to be a leader. The symbolism and traditions found in our ceremonies and history create a meaningful environment that encourages personal growth and reflection. Through these traditions, I've learned that true leadership is rooted in humility and service to others. Being part of ceremonial teams and embracing these teachings has shaped me into the leader I strive to be today.
- 8. What lodge are you from?
  - I was originally inducted into Wachtschu Mawachpo, Lodge 559. In 2023 we merged with Quapaw Lodge 160 to form what is now Mixti Wanaxe, Lodge 720.
- 9. Where do your priorities lie for OA and Scouts?
  - My priorities in both the OA and Scouts lie in service, leadership development, youth engagement, and preserving the traditions that make our programs meaningful. In the OA, I'm dedicated to upholding our legacy—especially through ceremonies and cultural respect—while also helping others grow as leaders and stay connected to our purpose. In Scouts, I prioritize



mentoring younger members, encouraging active participation, and ensuring that the values and customs that shaped my journey are passed on. I believe that honoring our traditions while empowering the next generation is the key to a strong and lasting future.

- 10. If you could hold this spot for another year, what would you want to do? I would focus on making information more accessible and engaging through clear, timely communication and improved coordination with lodge leaders. I'd work to create mentorship opportunities linking experienced leaders with new members to help develop leadership skills throughout the section. Above all, I'd continue preserving and promoting our OA traditions while encouraging more youth to step into leadership roles.
- 11. What's your favorite part about the Section Events?

  My favorite part about Section Events is the strong sense of community and the opportunity to experience and honor our traditions together. These events bring Arrowmen from different lodges together, creating lasting friendships and a shared commitment to the values of the Order. The ceremonies and activities rooted in our traditions remind us of the rich history we're part of, while the fellowship inspires us to serve and lead with purpose.
- 12. What can we possibly look forward to with you as Section Secretary?

  You can look forward to clear, timely communication that keeps every Arrowman informed about events, opportunities, and important updates. I'm committed to being a reliable resource for lodges and members, helping to connect people and share information efficiently. I also plan to visit lodges throughout the Section to listen to your ideas, answer questions, and strengthen our sense of community. Alongside this, I'll continue to focus on preserving our OA traditions and encouraging youth leadership development so that our section grows stronger and more connected every year.
- 13. Why did you join Scouts in general?

  My family has deep roots in Scouting—my grandfather served as a Scoutmaster, my dad was an active Scout, and my brother earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Growing up, Scouting was a big part of my life since I've lived on a Scout camp my entire life. Surrounded by the Scouting community, I was always eager to participate. I officially joined in March 2019 as a Lone Scout, and later went on to become the first female Eagle Scout in both my troop and district.
- 14. If you could relive a memory from your past OA experiences, what would it be? At the 2022 NOAC held at UT Knoxville, I had the incredible opportunity to participate in the National Powwow, where I danced for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. While there, I was surrounded by a community of Brothers who shared the same interests and passions as I do. The vibrant colors of regalia, diverse dance styles, and powerful rhythms of the drums truly brought us together. I also had the great honor of performing the Pre-Ordeal ceremony with my Chapter, where we were recognized as the first all-female ceremony team to achieve the rank of Honor. I would love to go back—not only to that day but to experience the entire week of NOAC 2022 again.



#### **NAYLE**

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an intensive leadership training program offered by the Boy Scouts of America. Held at national high adventure bases, NAYLE builds on the skills learned in NYLT by challenging participants to apply servant leadership, teamwork, and ethical decision-making in dynamic and outdoor settings. It's a unique opportunity for Scouts to grow as leaders, gain confidence, and bring valuable experience back to their home units, districts, and councils.

"I liked NAYLE because I got to meet all kinds of great, like-minded leaders from across the country. I made friends that I would go across state lines for and they would do the same for me. Another bonus was getting to spend time at one of my favorite camps; Philmont," Bryce Mosley said.

#### **OA Trail Crew**

OATC can be best defined in one word: adventure. Whether it's grueling summer days of hard work on the trail wherein cheerful service is inherent in the nature of the work itself or the lifelong memories created backpacking the trail, there is no doubt that OATC is among the most rewarding trips one can embark on at Philmont.

OATC is a two-week long endeavor. The first week consists of volunteer trail work wherein participants can do anything the Conservation Crew requests of them. This can range from simple trail maintenance to the active working towards the creation of new trails. The second week is a trek designed by the crew which can be made as strenuous as the crew desires. This means that if the crew wants a nice week of simply enjoying the back-country and seeing the sights after a hard week of work, this is most certainly an option. Conversely, if the crew wants a more challenging week of difficult backpacking, they may choose that as well. Before going, the crew must come together and make this decision as a whole so as to avoid any conflicts later down the road. In addition, crews can really choose from the massive array of activities and camps and whatever they want with their trek week in Philmont. Again, this just has to be planned out prior to showing up at Base Camp.

One of the greatest things about OATC is the lowered cost. A seven-day trek on its own can be well over a thousand dollars. However, because the crew is doing a service to Philmont in addition to their own trek, the current registration fee is a comparatively low 495 dollars. For fourteen days spent in Scouting Paradise, this is a price incredibly difficult to beat.

OATC is not only an incredible method of getting to explore some of Philmont's beautiful nature through the trek, it also provides the very real opportunity to help preserve and the purveyance of new treks through the creation of new trails. It is also a very cost effective way of getting to Philmont. Consider it as a potential trip in your scouting career, and happy camping!



#### Adapt, Collaborate, and Thrive (ACT) Conference!

The Adapt, Collaborate, and Thrive Conference or ACT is a weekend-long section event in which leaders from all over our section come together to <u>develop</u> themselves as leaders, <u>invest</u> in their lodges and chapters, and <u>prepare</u> for the rest of their lives.

As we as arrowmen **are all leaders** through our example, this event is for every **leader** in our section.

Every lodge officer, committee member, chapter officer, NYLT staff, OA unit representative, troop officer, new member, all are welcome!

We will spend the weekend growing as people, working together, building friendships, investing in our lodge and our fellow arrowmen through training, fellowship, and team building.

When we are done, we will walk away as better people, with long lasting friendships, and the skills we need to ACT!

Make sure to save the date!

September 19th-21st 2025. Location tbd.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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#### **The Vision of Scouting America:**

"To be why Scouts want to stay in Scouting."





# **G4 Section Lodge Highlights:**

#### Ma-Nu Lodge: Lia F. (Secretary)

Ma-Nu Lodge has seen significant growth and progress this year, with higher attendance at campouts and events compared to previous years. The lodge welcomed new leadership, with Daeten Snelson serving as Lodge Chief and James Weier stepping in as the new Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions. Engagement has also increased on social media, helping to strengthen communication and outreach. Additionally, the lodge successfully hosted a service weekend dedicated to preparing camp facilities for the upcoming summer season.

#### Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge: Adelaide R. W (Secretary)

Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge recently held our Spring induction! After overcoming the challenges of rescheduling amid graduation season, we had the pleasure of welcoming 38 new candidates into our Brotherhood.

(Top left, Will Rogers Chapter, Top right, Redbud Chapter, bottom, Scissortail Chapter)

And shoutout to our incredible Spring Induction 2025 Elangomats: Ryan B. Keturah W. Brian J. and Abby R.



#### Mixti Wanaxe Lodge: Emily W. (Secretary)

Mixti Wanaxe had a great turnout for the Conclave. We fought ferociously for the GOLDEN ARROW, but ultimately, we lost by less than a point. We also had a great turnout for our Spring Induction, which had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Lots of good service was done at Camp Orr most notably felling trees and cleaning them up for summer camp. We plan to have our summer induction at Camp DeSoto soon and have several of our lodge officers staffing our various summer camps.



# **Tip and Tricks for Lodges**

#### **Ceremonies:**

Ma-Nu Lodge's ceremonies flourish by hosting weekly practices in two different chapters, combining virtual and in-person meetings to ensure accessibility for all lodge members. To keep participation high, experienced and older ceremonialists actively encourage younger Scouts to join and get involved. For anyone starting a team, Manu's advice is simple: just do it—planning is half the battle, and once you pick a date and begin practicing, staying consistent is key. One thing that greatly helped in organizing and overseeing ceremonies was maintaining strong communication between teams, regularly checking in to offer support and ensure everyone felt connected and supported.

# **Chiefs Moment**

# A few words from our Chief, Bryce Mosley:

As I look ahead to the coming year, I can't help but reflect on the incredible spirit of brotherhood I witnessed at Conclave. It's truly inspiring to see Scouts from across Oklahoma and Arkansas come together for a weekend filled with fun, fellowship, and shared purpose.

In the year ahead, I'm excited to continue strengthening the bonds that tie our Section together. I plan to visit Lodges throughout our Section, support our leaders with the tools and guidance they need to thrive, and extend our spirit of service beyond just our council camps.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our 2024-2025 Section leadership, our Conclave Vice Chiefs, and especially Mixti Wanaxe for serving as an outstanding host Lodge. Your dedication made this past year one to remember.

**Bryce Mosley** 

**G4 Section Chief** 



# The Joke Lodge: A Gathering of Groans

**Q:** What did the s'more say to the marshmallow?

A: You're on fire, buddy!

**Q:** Why did the Scout bring a ladder to summer camp?

A: Because they heard the trail to Eagle was a climb!

**Q:** What's a Scout's favorite type of music at camp?

A: Rock and log!

**Q:** Why did the mosquito get kicked out of the OA ceremony?

A: It kept bugging everyone during the silence!

**Q:** What's a Scout's favorite way to start a joke?

A: "So a raccoon walks into a latrine..."

**Q:** Why do tents always make great friends?

A: Because they're always pitched in to help!

**Q:** What badge do Scouts earn for making great puns?

A: The Merit Badge of Corniness—requires 10 groan-worthy jokes and one dad laugh!

**Q:** Why did the OA member bring a broom to camp?

A: To sweep through cheerful service!

**Q:** What did the log say to the campfire?

A: "You're burning up the campsite tonight!"

**Q:** What's the most forgetful tent at camp?

**A:** The one that always folds under pressure.

Have some corny jokes of your own? Share them to <u>Comms@SectionG4.org</u> to see them entered in the newsletter!





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That's all from us at the *G4-cast* crew. Have a great summer!

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