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## Wa-Hi-Nasa's Year for Quest?

The Wa-Hi-Nasa arrowmen seek take back the Golden Arrow after a three year dry spell

Conclave is almost here again for the Section SR-6N. This year Conclave is scheduled for April 20-22 and will be at beautiful Camp Buck Toms in Rockwood, TN. It is only a 3 1/2 hour drive from the scout office, and the journey is much shorter for brothers towards the east of the council. I hope you all will sign up, but just in case you are still asking why you should sign up, here is a small description of Conclave. Conclave is a great event where lodges in our section, SR-6N, come together to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, training, and of course, competition. The training available at Conclave ranges from ceremonies training, chapters training, beadwork seminars, AIE training, and many other types of training. There are also plenty of opportunities to meet brothers from other lodges. One could trade patches, play games, or just talk with people from other lodges in the section. Amidst all the training and fellowship, Conclave also has exciting activities for you to participate in. These activities include high adventure ropes courses and rifle/shotgun ranges. Also, the event veterans of Conclave await every year, QUEST! If you do not know what Quest is, you are in for a treat. The Quest for the Golden Arrow, Quest for short, is a competition between lodges in our section in the fields of publications, website, ceremonies, and of course, the annual Quest games. The games are one of the highlights of Conclave. A few games include the fruit cake eating contest, root beer chug, bat spin relay, and the largest event, the TUG-OF-WAR!!! Each lodge has a team that competes in the Quest games, and I am looking for volunteers who can step up to the challenge, so sign up today to participate in training, fellowship, and, if you want, the quest games.

Our lodge has a rich history in the Quest games including the breaking of the tug-of-war rope last year. This year we have the drive and the potential to regain the Golden Arrow. This can only be achieved if you sign up to come to Conclave and help our lodge. You can get the registration form and more information about Conclave off the Conclave 2007 website ([www.conclave2007.sr6n.info](http://www.conclave2007.sr6n.info)). Just click on the forms section and select the appropriate council (Middle Tennessee). The cost of Conclave is only \$35 for you to have the opportunity of a lifetime. Don't miss out on the opportunity of your lifetime by missing Conclave.

**Jake Jones,**  
 Conclave Chairman

2007 Section SR-6N Conclave  
 April 20-22 Camp Buck Toms: Rockwood, TN  
 Go to [wa-hi-nasa.org](http://wa-hi-nasa.org) for registration details

Spring Ordeal June 1-3

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## Letters from Wa-Hi-Nasa

Arrowmen flock to Lebanon High School for training of a lifetime



*Hardison's hardy boys enjoy the morning's opening ceremony in the Lebanon High*



*When not in class, attendees could catch up with old friends (not age, just the time of*

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## Chiefly Speaking



As I am writing this installment of Chiefly Speaking, I sit in an empty classroom at Lebanon High School, the location for this year's Spring Training Extravaganza. The participants and staff have all left for dinner, and while their daily training sessions have all ended, their jobs for today are far from over. It is now time for them to take all that they have learned today and bring that information back to their chapters and troops so that they too may become better in their positions. The purpose of this event is to provide the arrowmen with the necessary skills to better not only his endeavors in scouting and the OA, but also to succeed in life.

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to teach a course on leadership and what role the various leadership positions play in both the Order of the Arrow lodge, as well as higher levels of organization in the Order of the Arrow. This class was designed to give people insight into the various styles of leadership and how one could be an effective leader. My class also learned ways how one could become a leader within the lodge, the section, and the region, seeing as our lodge has been extremely active in the higher leadership positions in the Order of the Arrow. Through our existence, we have had numerous section chiefs, several region chiefs, one national vice-chief, and one national chief, along with numerous amounts of Wa-Hi-Nasa arrowmen with Distinguished Service Awards, more than any other lodge.

In order to continue this rich tradition of national involvement, we must all step up to the challenges of leadership in our own lodge. There are always opportunities to become a part of the lodge's leadership team, but it is not an immediate step to this authority. In most cases, it requires lots of previous work leading up to the position and will require sacrifice of time for the benefit of others. Through this arduous trial of leadership, you may be noticed by your peers to become the next of the lodge's legacy of leaders.

The easiest way to start out on this road to lodge leadership is to participate at any lodge, section, region, or national events. Introduce yourself to everybody and express your interest in working at a future event of the hosts. If you gain a reputation as somebody who is always willing to help, you will gain the respect of your peers. As Meteu said, "He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest."

Yours in Service,

Tyler Stein, Lodge Chief



After leaving the Cumberland dining hall, the arrowmen had a new spring in their step.

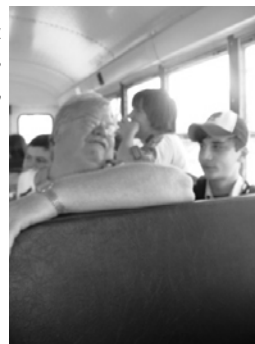
## Spring Training Extravaganza Showed Improvement

Wa-Hi-Nasa offered important training for arrowmen and their future in the lodge

The Spring Training Extravaganza, while still a good outlet for training, gave arrowmen the opportunity to have a fun time at Lebanon High School. Nearly 65 arrowmen, including trainers and trainees, made the trip out to the city of Lebanon, TN to receive more opportunities than ever to learn about Wa-Hi-Nasa and the Order of the Arrow. Of the nine sessions, arrowmen took classes ranging from topics including the History of the OA, as taught by Franklin Curtis, former lodge chief, and Chris Snoddy, former lodge and section chief, and a Brotherhood Review as taught by Michael Murphy, also known as Smurf. All of the staff members did a wonderful job in keeping everything informative and on schedule. At lunch and dinner, a bus took arrowmen to Cumberland University, a rock skip away from the high school. Attendants were given an all-star menu with pizza, salad selections, and a buffet line just like what you might expect from your own home. At the end of the day, all remaining attendants were given a captivating performance of the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremony. Along with the performance, ceremony gurus Steve Probst and Shawn Barnes helped viewers delve into the true meaning of the principles' teachings. At the end of the evening, it was announced that a 100% increase in attendance had been reached and the arrowmen returned home with more knowledge than they had come with.

**Michael Moore,**  
Vice Chief of Training

*Daniel Bryan got a once in a lifetime special guest, Steve Miller, seat-sharer on the way back from lunch.*



## Adviser's Minute

### The Comfort Zone



All of us have a preferred comfort zone. Our comfort zone is something that has both positive and negative qualities for our lives. Most of us are creatures of habit and want to be comfortable with our personal lives to the extent that we are relatively free from constant worry. Unfortunately, if we allow ourselves to be TOO comfortable we can miss the fulfillment of our potential - in all aspects of life.

There is a story about two hikers who were hiking along in the woods one night in utter darkness. Their flashlights were burned out and it was difficult to see the trail. In front of them was a tree that blocked the trail. They had to deviate off the trail to attempt to go around the blockage. Off the trail, they did not see a huge hole. Unwittingly, they both fell into the hole.

They struggled profusely to get out but simply couldn't climb up the steep walls in the blackness of the night. Content that they would have to wait until morning to get out, they sat down in the corner and quickly fell asleep.

Several hours later a lone hiker finds himself falling to the bottom of the hole. He too struggles and strains to get out but, exhausted, he decides to sit down and wait for the morning light. As he is about to rest he hears a sluggish voice in the darkness say, "Forget it, you can't get out."

Faster than you can blink your eyes, he was out of the hole. It is amazing that when the lone hiker was not comfortable any more, when he had a little fear in him and didn't feel safe, he was able to jump higher, climb farther and put forth a little more effort. Imagine what you can accomplish if you simply put forth a little more effort.

Avoid getting too comfortable in your life. Do something this week that takes you out of your comfort zone and out of your normal routine. Start small and discipline yourself to do something that stretches you to become better, improve a skill, or expand your experiences. Striving to push your own comfort zone will make you feel more alive and more in tune with your senses. Yes, comfort is desirable to an extent, but not when it stifles your ability to truly live up to your potential.

See you at the Conclave at Camp Buck Toms.

Yours in Service,

Robert Guisinger  
2007 Lodge Adviser

## Another Opportunity for Cheerful Service

As the time approaches for the Spring Ordeal, many see the possibility to help their fellow scout by helping Camp Boxwell

Year after year, the Middle Tennessee Council allows the lodge to use Camp Boxwell for the multiple events that we hold each year, such as Fall Fellowship and Winter Camp. Each summer, we have the opportunity to return the favor to them at the Spring Ordeal, this year occurring June 1-3. In the upcoming months, you and your chapter will be organizing the Unit Elections so that we can gather future candidates for the Ordeal. If you should be in charge of your chapter's unit elections, you should have all your results turned into the lodge by May 1st. Many of you may look back to your Ordeal and remember the time you spent helping to set up the summer camp program at Boxwell. You can help contribute to this effort yet again by becoming an Elangomat, or guide of the candidates. You would experience the same weekend as the candidates, and you would be able to reminisce about your own past experience as a candidate. However, if you don't wish to be an Elangomat, you may become a member of the many service crews for the weekend who run the service areas at the individual camps. If you know that either one of those options aren't for you, you can become a member of your chapter's ceremony team. The ceremony team would perform Friday and Saturday night for the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremony, respectively. Not only does a ceremony team require its actors, but it also needs a crew for "set design" of the site to help build the fire and ensure order of the site.

**Jeff Weber,**  
Vice Chief of Service



Ordeal crew members help contribute to the summer camp set-up effort. Nearly 400 candidates go through the Spring and Fall Ordeal each year.

## OA Trivia

**Last Flying Eagle's Answer:**

Chris Schildknecht was elected as the 2006 National Vice-Chief.