



Section Impact Summit 2026: “Building Our Legacy”

Section G1



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Welcome Letter

Brothers,

On January 30, 2026, Arrowmen from across Section G1 will gather at **Mountain Bayou Scout Reservation** in St. Landry, LA, to participate as delegates in the **Section Impact Summit**, an event that is full of quality training sessions, team-building activities, and fun! We cordially invite you to attend and help set your lodge's vision and goals for the upcoming year alongside fellow honor Scouts and Scouters from across the section. In August 2025, the Section officers chose the theme **"Building Our Legacy"** to get participants up and moving throughout the day and working as a collective team toward a promised, thriving tomorrow.

This Lodge Participation Packet (LPP) contains all the information needed for a wonderful experience at the 2026 Section Impact Summit. In a change in formatting this year, participants will be able to choose which training cohort they would like to be a part of. **We are offering four (4) separate training Tracks to choose from during registration. Be sure to review the training sessions and summaries offered in each Track to decide where your interest lies and which cohort you would like to be a part of.** Also, as a highlight, there will be a variety of unifying outdoor exercises throughout Saturday where Arrowmen are highly encouraged to talk with and, therefore, get to know others outside of their local lodge. Additionally, the Section G1 Trading Post will be open on Saturday, January 31st, so stop by to pick up some legacy and new section merchandise. Credit cards will be accepted through the online section store, section-g1.square.site. Lodges are encouraged to bring their trading post to sell their own merchandise as well.

All lodge contingents should arrive at Mountain Bayou no later than 10:00pm on Friday, January 30th to be situated for the opening session at 10:15pm. The delegate fee is \$45.00 for this event, which covers food and facilities, an official patch, all supplies, and the national fee. Sign up online now for SIS 2026: Building Our Legacy using the link in the following *General Information* section of this packet! The registration period **closes on January 23, 2026, to allow enough time for pre-event preparation.** We look forward to putting on a stellar Section Impact Summit and cannot wait to see you there!

Yours in Brotherhood,
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General Information

When: January 30 – February 1, 2026

Where: 1771 Mountain Bayou Rd, St. Landry, LA 71367

Cost: \$45.00 (*Registration closes on 1/23/26*)

Link: <https://gl.oa-scouting.org/sis/>

The Lodge Contingent Leader: The lodge contingent leader (LCL) is the youth in charge of the entire lodge contingent to, during, and from the Section Impact Summit. They ensure that all participating Arrowmen follow all policies set forth: Scouting America guidelines, national OA policies, and camp rules.

The Lodge Contingent Adviser: The lodge contingent adviser (LCA) is the adult who oversees the LCL and is responsible for the safety of their lodge contingent to, during, and from the SIS site. They are also held accountable for any registered Arrowman 18 years or older that is not in compliance with Youth Protection training (YPT) standards.

Delegate Packets: At Check-in, each delegate will receive a manila envelope containing a name tag with an event schedule QR code on it, a host camp map, a delegate guidebook, and an official event patch.

Uniform: Delegates and staff members are required to bring their full field uniform ("Class A" plus OA sash) and wear it at the allocated times on the schedule given out at Check-in.

SIS Headquarters: The headquarters for SIS will be located in the Dining Hall.

First Aid: First Aid will be provided in the Health Lodge. There will be qualified personnel on duty at all times during SIS; off-duty medical staff will carry a radio device on them when away from the Health Lodge. Any medical and/or dietary needs for both youth and adults must be reported ahead of time to the Atchafalaya Lodge adviser during registration or at Check-in.

Dining Hall Procedures: Meals will be served cafeteria style in an extended time format. You may eat anytime during the scheduled hours within the Dining Hall. Please clean your table in a cheerful spirit as you leave.

Contact Information: Please direct your inquiries to registrar@sectiongl.oa-bsa.org and place "Section Impact Summit" at the beginning of your e-mail subject so that it is easily distinguishable from others. E-mails will be responded to within a 24-hour window.





Logistics

Travel: The 2026 Section GI Section Impact Summit will be held at Mountain Bayou Scout Reservation in St. Landry, LA. When traveling to the SIS site, travelers should be aware of immediate speed drops and the police protection available in certain towns and on thoroughfares to the camp. You may encounter and get to know them personally if you are not observant.

Arrival: Upon arrival between 8:00pm-10:00pm on Friday, vehicles will be allowed to continue on to Check-in, held in the Dining Hall. There, Arrowmen will check in with the section secretary; please have all forms ready, including an up-to-date Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) [Parts A & B]. If need be, a service lodge guide (SLG) will be assigned to lead a group to their respective camping area and be available to answer any questions.

Departure: Departure will be at 9:30am on Sunday.

Tentage: Every lodge contingent is responsible for providing their own tents, footprints (tarps), cots, appropriate bedding, and any other sleeping necessities. Campsite assignments will be confirmed at Check-in, and participants must adhere to Youth Protection policies regarding lodging. If you need any special accommodations, please inform your local lodge adviser and have them email adviser@sectionl.oa-bsa.org. Campsites have running water for open air showers and hand washing as well as open pit latrines. There is a central bath house with running water, electricity, bathrooms, and showers near the dining hall. Scouts and Scouters with exceptionalities are also highly encouraged to attend.

Vehicles: All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. Following Check-in, lodges will be allowed to drive to campsites but must return their vehicles to the parking lot by nightfall. Campsite access for vehicles will also be available on Sunday morning for departure. If a lodge wishes to leave early, they must communicate with the section prior to or at Check-in so accommodations can be made.

Leaving the Site: No one may leave the Section Impact Summit without prior permission from their respective adviser, either the lodge contingent adviser or the section chief and the section adviser. The participant must then check out through "SIS Headquarters."

Visitors: Only pre-approved visitors will be permitted on camp property. Assigned campsites to lodge contingents are considered private areas for the duration of SIS and should not be entered by others without first obtaining permission.





Packing List

Note: Assemble your gear based on the weather conditions.

- Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) Form [Parts A & B]
- Scouting-appropriate Clothing
- Rain Gear (Be Prepared)
- Camp-appropriate Shoes
- Field Uniform (including OA Sash)
- Tent
- Footprint (Tarp)
- Bed Gear (Sleeping Bag/Pad/Pillow)
- Toiletries
- Towel and Washcloth
- Day Pack
- Notebook and Pen (for Training Sessions) [recommended]
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Phone (with Charger or Battery Pack)
- Patches (for Trading)
- Spending Money (Cash and/or Card)





Camp Map





Campsite Assignments*

**Subject to change*

Lodge	Members (Goal)	Campsite
Atchafalaya	25	Opelousa
Chilantakoba	10	Avoyelle
Comanche	18	Attakapas
Quelqueshoe	5	Tunica
Quinipissa	16	Chitamacha

Schedule

F signifies full Field Uniform

LEC	Youth	Adults	Polestar ⬆	Youth / Adults / LEC	Whole Group
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Friday, January 30th

Attire	Time	LEC Classroom	Youth Dining Hall	Adults Center Room	Polestar ⬆ Left Room	Location
	6:00 PM	Key Leadership Arrive				Dining Hall
F	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Check - In				Dining Hall
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Cracker Barrel				Dining Hall
F	10:15 PM	Foundations of Legacy: Reviewing Our PMP Results				Dining Hall
	11:30 PM	TAPS				





Saturday, January 31st

Attire	Time	LEC Classroom	Youth Dining Hall	Adults Center Room	Polestar + Left Room	Location
	6:30 AM	Reveille				
	7:00 AM	Breakfast				Dining Hall
F	7:45 AM	Section Introductions				Dining Hall
F	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Building Blocks of Excellence - Atchafalaya, Chilantakoba	Frameworks of Leadership: Leading by Serving	Architects of Guidance: Modern Advising for Lasting Impact	Chapters 1 & 2	
	9:00 - 9:30 AM	Activity / Break				
F	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Building Blocks of Excellence - Comanche, Quelqueshoe	Blueprint to Execution: Performing Effectively in Your Role	Securing the Pillars: Keeping Young Adults Engaged Beyond 21	Chapters 3 & 4	
	10:30 - 11:00 AM	Activity / Break				
F	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Building Blocks of Excellence - Quinipissa / LodgeMaster	Load-Bearing Balance: Managing Responsibilities as Young Leaders	Passing the Tools: Mentoring the Next Generation of Builders	Chapters 5 & 6	
	12:00 - 12:45 PM	Lunch				Dining Hall
F	12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Structural Support: Knowing When to Ask for Help			Chapters 7 & 8	Dining Hall
F	1:45 - 2:45 PM	Council of Chiefs	Activity / Break			Center Room
F	2:45 - 3:45 PM	Laying the Cornerstone: Activating Programs That Build Future Participation			Chapters 9 & 10	Dining Hall
	3:45 - 4:15 PM	Activity / Break				
F	4:15 - 5:00 PM	OA High Adventure				Dining Hall
F	5:30 PM	Dinner				Dining Hall
F	6:30 PM	Mass				Chapel
	7:30 PM	Bonfire / S'mores				Council Ring
	7:30 PM	Patch Trading / Trading Post				Dining Hall
	11:00 PM	TAPS				

Sunday, February 1st

Attire	Time	LEC Classroom	Youth Dining Hall	Adults Center Room	Polestar + Left Room	Location
	6:45 AM	Reveille				
	7:15 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast				Dining Hall
F	8:15 AM	The Capstone: Bringing Our Legacy Together				Dining Hall
	8:45 AM	Cleanup				
	9:30 AM	Breakdown / Departure				





Training

The section is thrilled to present five informative and engaging training Tracks at this year's Section Impact Summit. Below, you will find detailed descriptions of each session, along with their respective skilled facilitators. Training sessions will be facilitated by our Section team, LEC members, and special guests from Section E4 and the National OA ICE team. Do not miss out on this exceptional lineup of training courses designed to enhance your skills and knowledge.

Track 1: Polestar: Induction Leadership Training

The OA membership journey, called the Induction, begins at the Unit election and culminates in the Brotherhood ceremony. *Polestar: Induction Leadership Training* clarifies the true service the OA provides to Scouting and how the Induction achieves this purpose. *Polestar* builds excellence in execution of the Induction, helping lodge leaders to improve membership activation and retention. *Polestar* should be experienced by all youth and adults who lead the essential activities of the OA locally—as well as any members who wish to learn more about how (and why) the OA functions.

Track 2: Lodge Executive Committee

Session 1: Building Blocks of Excellence: Showcasing Membership, Innovation, and Tradition

The Lodge Showcase is an opportunity for each lodge to highlight its unique strengths, traditions, and practices that contribute to its success. In a 30-minute session, lodges can share how they operate, including tips, tricks, and strategies that help them thrive. This exchange allows others to learn, adapt new ideas, and gain insights into different approaches, ultimately inspiring lodges to improve in areas where they may be lacking and strengthening the organization as a whole.

Session 2: Digital Blueprint: LodgeMaster and the App in Action

This session will be led by our residential LodgeMaster expert, who will walk participants through the newest updates and features in LodgeMaster. The course will highlight recent changes, provide practical demonstrations of the new mobile app, and showcase how these tools can strengthen communication, record-keeping, and member engagement. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions, see live demonstrations of specific functions, and leave with a clearer understanding of how to fully leverage LodgeMaster and its app to support their roles.

Session 3: Structural Support: Knowing When to Ask for Help

Open to all participants, this session teaches the value of building a supportive culture in which asking for help is encouraged. It covers recognizing when help is needed, identifying the right



person, clearly communicating tasks, providing support without micromanaging, and showing appreciation. Barriers such as fear of looking weak, not wanting to burden others, and lack of trust are addressed, along with strategies to normalize help-seeking, like open communication, leading by example, and gratitude. The session uses interactive activities and reflection to reinforce teamwork, delegation, and the idea that vulnerability is a strength, not a weakness.

Session 4: Laying the Cornerstone: Activating Programs That Build Future Participation

Open to all participants, this session explains how activation events help retain and engage new OA members after induction. Activation events, ideally held within 90 days, give Arrowmen opportunities for personal growth, connection, and involvement. The presentation emphasizes planning events at the local level to make them more personal and accessible, addressing barriers like transportation and cost, and involving parents through meetings, calendars, and communication. It also highlights the importance of creating bonds, using social media effectively, and ensuring youth protection. Overall, it provides strategies, tips, and activities to design meaningful activation events that build long-term participation.

Track 3: Member Trainings for Youth

Session 1: Frameworks of Leadership: Leading by Serving

The *Leading by Serving* session helps participants understand that true leadership is rooted in service, collaboration, and humility. It emphasizes that leaders are not “bosses” but equal, contributing members of a team who guide through example and support rather than authority. Through discussion and reflection, youth learn how leadership and service are directly connected and how they can make a meaningful impact in their local communities by practicing servant leadership in their everyday actions.

Session 2: Blueprint to Execution: Performing Effectively in Your Role:

This session helps Arrowmen understand, embrace, and perform effectively within their roles in the OA. It emphasizes servant leadership, collaboration, and preparing future leaders through clear understanding of responsibilities at every level — from troop to national. Participants explore the structure of the OA, define where youth and adult roles fit in, and learn how to fulfill their responsibilities while prioritizing the needs of others. The session encourages reflection on personal strengths and how each member contributes to the lodge’s success.

Session 3: Load-Bearing Balance: Managing Responsibilities as Young Leaders:

This session focuses on helping youth develop strong time management and prioritization skills through engaging, hands-on activities. Participants reflect on their own strengths and struggles in balancing responsibilities. Through group discussions and activities, you will explore practical tools, strategies, and techniques for managing their schedules effectively.



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Track 4: Member Trainings for Adults**Session 1: Architects of Guidance: Modern Advising for Lasting Impact:**

Participants will understand the unique characteristics, values, and communication styles of Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z. By increasing generational awareness, learners gain practical strategies to adapt their communication approaches for different audiences. The session emphasizes applying these strategies in teaching, administration, and daily interactions to foster collaboration and mutual respect. Through interactive discussion and sharing of personal experiences, participants actively engage in exploring how generational diversity can strengthen teamwork and understanding in any environment.

Session 2: Securing the Pillars: Keeping Young Adults Engaged Beyond 21:

Participants will explore how to retain young adults' involvement in the Order of the Arrow after they "age out" of youth membership. Presented from the perspective of a new young-adult, the session reframes "aging out" as "aging in," emphasizing the importance of supporting these "emerging advisers" through mentorship and meaningful opportunities. Participants examine key factors influencing this group's participation and collaborate to design event strategies that minimize barriers and maximize appeal.

Session 3: Passing the Tools: Mentoring the Next Generation of Builders:

Learn how to effectively mentor peers and younger members as well as the benefits of mentoring, such as improved communication, confidence, and organizational growth, and explore how trust, commitment, and open dialogue form the foundation of strong mentoring relationships. Through guided discussions, activities, and role-playing "learning conversations,"



they practice real-world mentoring scenarios that encourage reflection and personal development.

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Additional Information

Youth Protection Training: ALL adult Arrowmen must put into practice Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth training protocols to, during, and from Section Impact Summit 2026. Everyone over 18 years of age must have up-to-date YPT/SYT certification in order to check in at SIS. Be sure your lodge contingent practices the buddy system throughout the entire event weekend. Lodge advisers should monitor this policy within their lodges when youth leave the campsite for any program element throughout the day.

Liability: All lodges will be financially responsible for any physical property damage done to the host camp by a lodge contingent member and will be assessed accordingly should damage occur. Neither the service lodge, the service council, nor Section G1 is responsible for any lost or damaged property.

Refund Policy: In the event you or another Arrowman cannot make Section Impact Summit 2026 or is over-registered, please reach out to Section Adviser Elaine Baker at adviser@sectiong1.oa-bsa.org. She will personally work with you in order to get your registration refunded or transferred.

Social Media: Your help in promoting, participating, and sharing Section Impact Summit registration and the overall experience will benefit the Order of the Arrow and Scouting in Section G1. Thank you for your valued service!



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