

SECTION IMPACT SUMMIT

Beyond the Boundless

Lodge Participation Packet

JANUARY 22-24, 2027

SECTION G1

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Welcome Letter

Brothers,

On **January 22–24, 2027**, Arrowmen from across Section G1 will gather at **Camp V-Bar** in Kiln, MS for the **2027 Section Impact Summit**, a weekend dedicated to learning, leadership, fellowship, and preparing for what comes next. We cordially invite you to join fellow Arrowmen from across the section as we challenge ourselves to look past the familiar, explore new possibilities, and go **Beyond the Boundless**.

The 2027 theme, **"Beyond the Boundless,"** challenges each of us to push beyond the limits we place on ourselves and discover where our experiences in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow can take us. Throughout the weekend, participants will have opportunities to strengthen their leadership skills, prepare for life beyond high school and college, grow as Arrowmen, and learn more about the future of the Order of the Arrow—including the new Induction Experience.

This **Lodge Participation Packet (LPP)** contains the information your lodge will need to prepare for a successful experience at the 2027 Section Impact Summit. Saturday will feature a full schedule of interactive training sessions, hands-on activities, team challenges, service, and opportunities to meet Arrowmen from throughout Section G1. Participants will be encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, work with people from other lodges, share ideas, and build friendships that extend beyond their own lodge and council.

Our training program will feature four major areas: **Life Skills, Leadership, Order of the Arrow Training, and the New Induction Experience.** Whether you are preparing for college or a career, learning how to manage your finances, developing stronger communication and leadership skills, or looking for ways to strengthen your lodge, SIS is designed to give you practical tools and experiences that you can take home and put to work immediately.

All lodge contingents should arrive at **Camp V-Bar on Friday, January 22**, in time to check in and prepare for the opening of the weekend. The delegate fee is **$50.00**, which covers meals and facilities, an official event patch, program supplies, and applicable national fees.

Registration closes January 14, 2027, to allow the section adequate time for final event preparations. We encourage each lodge to build a strong contingent and bring Arrowmen of all experience levels—from newer members to experienced lodge leaders and advisers.

The boundaries of what comes next have not been drawn for us. **They are ours to explore.**

Come ready to learn. Come ready to serve. Come ready to meet new people, challenge yourself, and discover just how far you can go.

We look forward to welcoming you to **Camp V-Bar** for the **2027 Section G1 Impact Summit: Beyond the Boundless!**

Yours in Brotherhood, WWW

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General Information

When: January 22-24, 2027

Where: 27585 V-Bar Road, Perkinston, MS 39573

Cost: $50.00 *(Registration closes on 1/14/27)*

Link: https://g1.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 who is not in compliance with Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) 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 Admin Building.

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 with 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 Chilantakoba Lodge adviser during registration or at Check-in.

Dining Hall Procedures: Meals will be served cafeteria style in the Dining Hall. Please clean your table in a cheerful spirit as you finish.

Contact Information: Please direct your inquiries to sectiong1.oa@gmail.com 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 2027 Section G1 Section Impact Summit will be held at Camp V-Bar in Perkinston, MS. 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 Safeguarding Youth policies regarding lodging. If you need any special accommodations, please inform your local lodge adviser and have them email sectiong1.oa@gmail.com. Campsites have running water hand washing, as well as flush toilets. Showers are available at the South Showerhouse.

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 before or at Check-in so that 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."

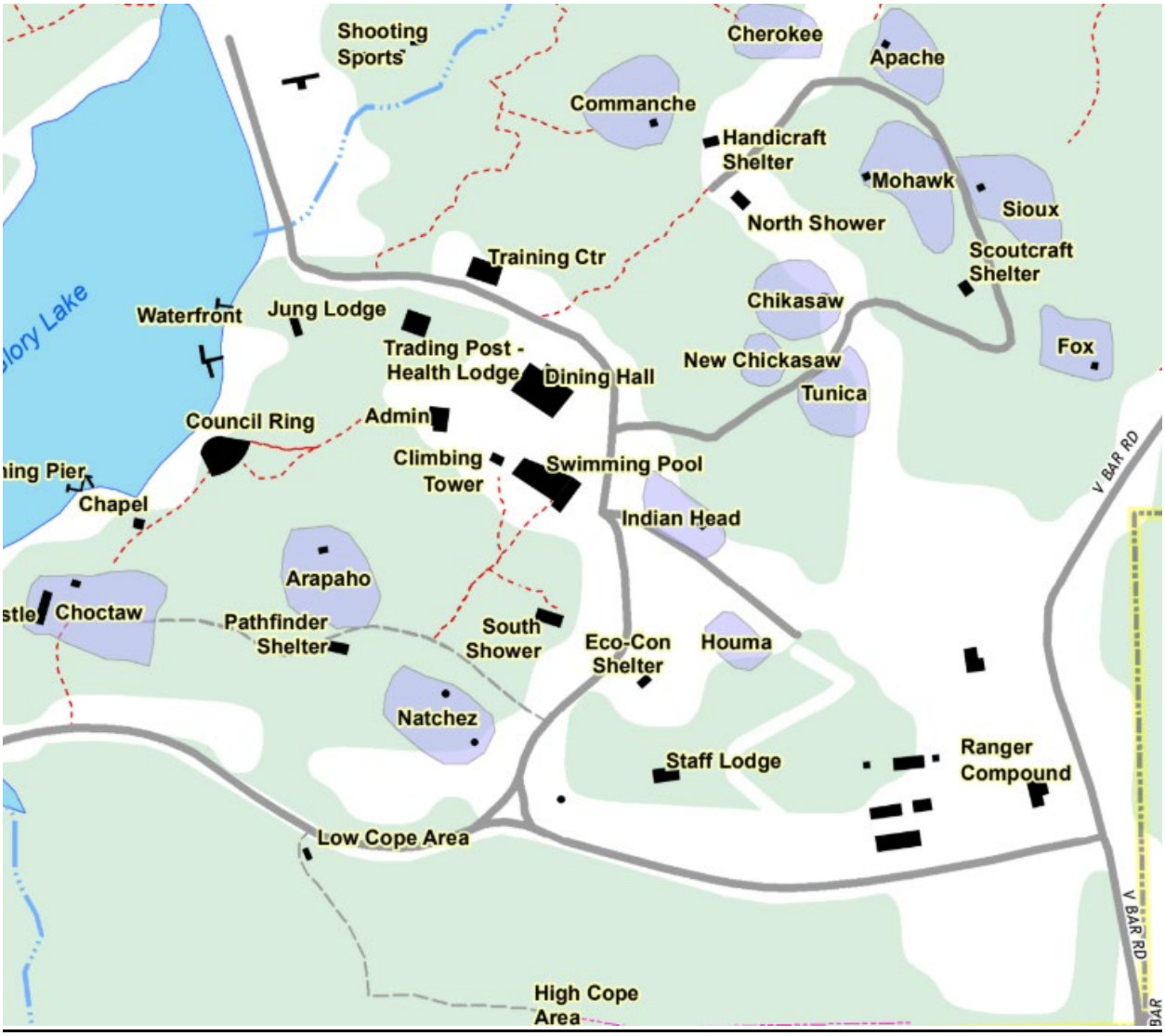
Visitors: Only pre-approved visitors will be permitted on camp property. Assigned campsites to lodge contingents are considered private areas for the duration of SIS and should not be entered by others without first obtaining permission.

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


Shooting Sports
Cherokee
Apache
Commanche
Handicraft Shelter
Mohawk
Sioux
North Shower
Scoutcraft Shelter
Training Ctr
Chikasaw
Waterfront
Jung Lodge
Trading Post - Health Lodge
Dining Hall
New Chickasaw
Fox
Tunica
Council Ring
Admin
Climbing Tower
Swimming Pool
Chapel
Indian Head
V BAR RD
Arapaho
Choctaw
Pathfinder Shelter
South Shower
Eco-Con Shelter
Houma
Natchez
Staff Lodge
Ranger Compound
Low Cope Area
High Cope Area

Campsite Assignments

Lodge	Members (Goal)	Campsite *(subject to change)*
Atchafalaya	15	Indian Head
Chilantakoba	15	Natchez
Comanche	10	Natchez
Quelqueshoe	10	Indian Head
Quinipissa	15	Indian Head

Schedule

F signifies full Field Uniform

Inductions	General OA	Life Skills	Leadership	Whole Group

Friday, January 22nd

Attire	Time	Inductions	General OA	Life Skills	Leadership	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	Opening Session PMP Results				Dining Hall
	11:30 PM	**TAPS**				

Saturday, January 23rd

Attire	Time	Inductions	General OA	Life Skills	Leadership	Location
	6:30 AM	**Reveille**				
	7:00 AM	**Breakfast**				Dining Hall
F	7:45 AM	Section Introductions				Dining Hall
F	8:00 - 8:45 AM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience	Beyond the First Step: Effective Membership Retention	Beyond the Paycheck: Building Your Financial Independence	Common Ground: Communication That Connects	
	8:45 - 9:00 AM	Activity / Break				
F	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience (cont.)	Beyond the Broadcast: Turning Communication into Engagement	No Limits, Just Miles: Vehicle Ownership 101	Breaking Boundaries: Leading Through Change	
	9:45 - 10:00 AM	Activity / Break				
F	10:00 - 10:45 AM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience (cont.)	The Next Chapter: Aging In, Not Out of the OA	Plot Your Path: College & Career Navigation	Uncharted Territory: Emergency Ready	
	10:45-11:00 AM	Activity / Break				
F	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience (cont.)	Ignite the Journey: Living the OA Mission & Vision	Ready for Real Life: Independent Living Skills They Don't Teach You in School	Your Seat at the Table: Navigating Civic Life	
	11:45 - 12:00 PM	Activity / Break				
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	**Lunch**				Dining Hall
F	1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience (cont.)	Across the Divide: Building Stronger Youth–Adult Partnerships	From Spark to Flame: Understanding the Ceremonies of the New Induction	*Beyond the Summit: Council of Chiefs*	
F	1:45 - 2:45 PM	Activity / Break				
F	2:00 - 2:45 PM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience (cont.)	Connections Without Boundaries: Building Authentic Relationships & a Culture of Belonging	Ask Beyond the Arrow: New Induction Q&A	Lead Without Limits: Turning Scouting Leadership into Real-World Leadership	
	2:45 - 3:00 PM	Activity / Break				
F	3:00 - 3:45 PM	Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience (cont.)	Carry It Forward: Creating, Maintaining & Improving Traditions	Stayin' Alive: CPR Certification	From Vision to Victory: Project Management That Gets Things Done	
	3:45 - 4:00 PM	Activity / Break				
F	4:00 - 4:45 PM	Answer the Call: Making the Most of the National Program of Emphasis				
	4:45 - 5:00 PM	Activity / Break				
F	5:30 PM	**Dinner**				Dining Hall
	6:30 PM	Fellowship / Patch Trading / Trading Post / Cracker Barrel				Dining Hall
	7:30 PM	Bonfire / S'mores				Council Ring
	11:00 PM	**TAPS**				

Sunday, January 24th

Attire	Time	Inductions	General OA	Life Skills	Leadership	Location
	6:45 AM	**Reveille**				
	7:15 - 8:00 AM	**Breakfast**				Dining Hall
F	8:15 AM	Closing Session				Dining Hall
	8:45 AM	Cleanup				
	9:30 AM	**Breakdown/ Departure**				

Training

Section G1 is excited to present an expanded lineup of engaging and interactive training opportunities at the 2027 Section Impact Summit: Beyond the Boundless. This year's program is designed to challenge Arrowmen to explore new skills, strengthen their leadership, and prepare for opportunities both within the Order of the Arrow and beyond Scouting.

Training will focus on four primary areas: Life Skills, Leadership, Order of the Arrow Training, and the New Induction Experience. Sessions will combine practical instruction with hands-on activities, discussions, challenges, and opportunities to learn alongside Arrowmen from across the section.

Below, you will find descriptions of the training sessions offered throughout the weekend. Whether you are a new Arrowman, an experienced lodge leader, or an adviser, SIS offers something to help you grow, connect, and take your next step Beyond the Boundless.

Topic 1: The new Induction



Light the Way: Preparing Luminaries to Guide the Induction Experience | A luminary does more than accompany participants through the induction experience—they help participants process, understand, and connect with the experience along the way. Light the Way prepares luminaries to confidently lead their crews while creating an environment where participants can reflect, connect with one another, and engage meaningfully with each part of the induction.

Participants will explore the luminary's responsibilities throughout the experience, including working alongside participants during service projects, leading crew conversations, participating in ceremonies when invited, facilitating guidance activities and reflections, and serving as the primary point of contact for their luminary crew.

The session also focuses on the practical side of leading a crew. Luminaries will learn how to organize and manage required materials, integrate participants into their crews, communicate expectations, guide activities, and successfully navigate transitions throughout the induction experience.

By the end of Light the Way, luminaries should understand not only what they are responsible for, but how to carry out those responsibilities with confidence. They will leave prepared to guide their crews through the induction while allowing the experience itself—and the participants' own reflections—to remain at the center. **Participants must have previously participated in the new induction experience in order to attend this session.** This session will last all day.



From Spark to Flame: Understanding the Ceremonies of the New Induction | The ceremonies of the new induction are more than individual moments in a weekend—they create a connected journey designed to help new members understand the ideals, challenges, and purpose of the Order of the Arrow. From Spark to Flame introduces participants to the structure,

meaning, and execution of the Ceremony of the Arrow and Ceremony of the Fire, while emphasizing the importance of preserving the intended experience and conducting the ceremonies as written.

Participants will explore the new ceremonial team and the purpose of its five principal roles: the Chief Luminary, Chief of the Fire, and the Voices of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. They'll examine how these roles, along with luminaries and ceremony guides, work together to guide participants through the experience and communicate the principles at the heart of the induction.

The session will examine how the two ceremonies function as parts of one larger story. The Ceremony of the Arrow introduces the challenges of discovering brotherhood, reflecting on cheerfulness, and providing service, beginning a journey that continues throughout the induction. Participants will then explore how the Ceremony of the Fire builds upon that experience and brings the induction toward its conclusion, including the connection between Scouting's past, present, and future.

Just as importantly, participants will learn what it takes to deliver the ceremonies effectively. They'll explore preparation, ceremonial settings, movement, props, lighting, backdrops, optional music, and why ceremonialists should understand the entire ceremony rather than simply memorize their individual parts.

Because this session explores the ceremonies in depth and builds upon the participant's understanding of the complete induction experience, participants must have previously participated in the new induction experience to attend this session.

From Spark to Flame will help Arrowmen see the ceremonies not simply as scripts to perform, but as carefully connected pieces of the induction. Participants will leave better prepared to understand their role, prepare their team, preserve the intended meaning of the ceremonies, and create an experience that inspires new members as they begin their Quest for the Arrow.

Participants must have previously participated in the new induction experience in order to attend this session.



Ask Beyond the Arrow: New Induction Q&A | The new induction represents a significant change in how lodges welcome and inspire new members—and with change naturally comes questions. Ask Beyond the Arrow provides an open forum for Arrowmen to ask questions, clarify expectations, and better understand how the new induction experience comes together. Rather than focusing on one specific role or component, this session takes a big-picture look at the entire induction experience. Participants can bring questions about topics such as the overall flow of the induction, participant experience, luminary crews, ceremonies, service, reflection and guidance activities, staffing, preparation, logistics, and how the different pieces work together. The induction materials emphasize that everyone involved should remain focused on elevating the experience for new members and that preparation should include ceremonial teams, luminaries, and others involved in delivering the induction. The format will be driven largely by the participants themselves. Facilitators will address common questions, discuss areas that may be causing confusion, and help lodges better understand what they need to do as they prepare to implement the new induction. When appropriate, participants will also have opportunities to share lessons learned from

experiencing or conducting the new induction.
Ask Beyond the Arrow is designed to help replace uncertainty with understanding so lodge leaders can return home better prepared to support their teams and deliver a meaningful induction experience.

Topic 2: General OA



Beyond the First Step: Effective Membership Retention | Getting Arrowmen through the door is only the beginning. Beyond the First Step explores how lodges can turn an initial OA experience into lasting involvement by understanding what different members need at different points in their journey. Participants will examine four key audiences—potential, new, current, and inactive Arrowmen—and discuss how engagement strategies should change for each group.
Through discussion and small-group brainstorming, participants will identify practical ways to create a sense of belonging, personally connect with members, provide meaningful opportunities, develop future leaders, and reconnect with Arrowmen who have drifted away. Participants will leave with ideas they can take back to their lodges and use to build a stronger culture of engagement and long-term membership.



Beyond the Broadcast: Turning Communication into Engagement | Great lodge programs only make an impact when Arrowmen know about them and feel invited to participate. Beyond the Broadcast challenges participants to move past simply sending information and instead use communication as a tool for genuine engagement. Participants will explore what makes communication purposeful, clear, timely, and appropriate for the intended audience.
The session emphasizes two-way communication, showing how listening and gathering feedback can build trust, strengthen relationships, and help Arrowmen feel welcomed and valued. Participants will also look beyond social media to discover ways to reach youth, parents, adult leaders, and units through a variety of communication methods.
Participants will put these ideas into practice by evaluating their lodge's current outreach and developing a Communication Action Plan for an upcoming event using multiple methods to reach the widest possible audience.



The Next Chapter: Aging In, Not Out of the OA | Turning 21 shouldn't mean aging out of meaningful involvement in the Order of the Arrow—it should mark the beginning of a new chapter. The Next Chapter focuses on the often-overlooked 21–25-year-old "emerging adviser" demographic and explores why Arrowmen who were highly engaged as youth can quickly become disconnected as they transition into college, careers, and independent adult life.
Participants will examine the major life changes young adults experience and how changing responsibilities can force them to repeatedly reevaluate where the OA fits into their lives. The

session looks at three major considerations influencing participation—money, time, and whether the experience provides enough personal value to justify both—and challenges leaders to rethink programs from the perspective of young adults rather than simply expecting them to participate in traditional OA activities.
Through discussion and action planning, participants will explore practical ways to reduce barriers, offer worthwhile programming, provide flexibility, create age-appropriate social and professional opportunities, and keep young adults connected even when they cannot be as active as they once were. The goal isn't to immediately put every 21-year-old into an adviser position; it's to maintain relationships and involvement so these Arrowmen have a pathway to contribute throughout the next stages of their lives.



Ignite the Journey: Living the OA Mission & Vision | The OA's mission and vision are more than words—they explain why the Order exists and what our programs are intended to accomplish. Ignite the Journey explores the OA's mission of achieving the mission of Scouting America through "transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys" and examines how fellowship, service, and the values of the Scout Oath and Law contribute to that purpose.
Participants will break the mission into its essential ideas—preparing young people, making ethical and moral choices, living the Scout Oath and Law, creating transformative fellowship, and inspiring limitless Scouting journeys—and consider what those concepts look like in their own chapters and lodges. The session also explores the OA's vision "to be why Scouts want to stay in Scouting," challenging participants to consider how their leadership, programs, and relationships can help make that vision a reality.
Ultimately, participants will be challenged to move from simply knowing the mission and vision to living them, identifying ways they can use what they learn at SIS to create positive change and better serve their chapters, lodges, fellow Scouts, and communities.



Connections Without Boundaries: Building Authentic Relationships & a Culture of Belonging | Strong lodges aren't built by events, patches, or programs alone—they're built by people who feel like they belong. Connections Without Boundaries explores how authentic relationships create a welcoming lodge culture and why those connections can directly influence whether Arrowmen remain engaged. The session emphasizes a simple idea: connection leads to retention.
Participants will explore practical ways to strengthen relationships through active listening, recognizing the small things, showing appreciation, and intentionally following up with others. They'll discover how remembering a conversation, acknowledging someone's effort, saying thank you, or asking a simple follow-up question can help members feel heard, supported, and valued.
Through discussion and the Vision Circle activity, participants will imagine what their chapter, lodge, or section could look and feel like if everyone felt welcomed, valued, and involved. They'll leave challenged to identify one action they can take home to intentionally strengthen their lodge's culture and relationships.



Carry It Forward: Creating, Maintaining & Improving Traditions | Traditions connect an organization's past to its present—but preserving tradition doesn't always mean keeping everything exactly the way it has always been done. Carry It Forward explores how traditions develop, why groups embrace them, and how organizational, symbolic, and emotional traditions help create culture, belonging, shared expectations, and lasting memories.

Participants will be challenged to look beyond the age of a tradition and instead consider its purpose, impact, inclusion, meaning, and connection to organizational identity. Through the interactive Tradition Triage activity, they'll evaluate traditions and decide whether each should be kept, improved, retired, or whether something new should be created—recognizing that respecting history and embracing change don't have to be opposites.

The session also explores what happens to traditions during organizational change and how leaders can determine what should be preserved, adapted, or newly created for the next generation. Participants will leave considering not only which traditions they've inherited, but also which traditions they are helping create and what is worth passing forward.



Answer the Call: Making the Most of the National Program of Emphasis | Each year, the Order of the Arrow provides Arrowmen with an opportunity to experience something bigger than their local lodge through the National Program of Emphasis. Answer the Call introduces participants to the purpose of the annual program and explores the different forms it can take, including NOAC, Operation Arrow, the National Council of Chiefs, and National Service Projects.

But knowing about the national program is only the beginning. Participants will examine the important role their lodge plays in turning a national opportunity into a local experience, from promoting the event and encouraging participation to fundraising, scholarships, merchandise, patches, and building lodge spirit.

Through discussion and planning, participants will consider how their lodge can prepare for and support the upcoming National Program of Emphasis and develop ideas for getting more Arrowmen excited, prepared, and involved. They'll leave understanding not only what the program is, but how their lodge can help its members take advantage of opportunities that extend far beyond their own council and section.



Across the Divide: Building Stronger Youth–Adult Partnerships | The Order of the Arrow depends on a strong partnership between youth leaders and adult advisers, but differences in age, experience, perspective, and communication can sometimes create barriers. Across the Divide explores how young people may view adult advisers, how generational differences influence those perceptions, and why the youth–adult gap is more complicated than simply belonging to different generations.

Through interactive exercises and discussion, participants will experience firsthand how differences in communication can affect teamwork and trust. They'll explore how adapting communication styles, finding common ground, and working toward a shared purpose can help

people connect even when their experiences and perspectives are very different.
Participants will also examine the unique role of adult advisers in a youth-led organization and discuss practical strategies for creating stronger partnerships, including establishing a common vision, finding commonality, showing up, and respecting space.

Topic 3: Leadership



Common Ground: Communication That Connects | Strong leadership starts with the ability to communicate—and communication is about much more than simply saying the right words. Common Ground helps participants develop the skills to communicate clearly, work through disagreements, build healthier relationships, and adapt the way they communicate across friendships, school, work, digital spaces, and Scouting leadership situations.
Participants will begin with Listen Up!, an interactive exercise that demonstrates the difference between merely hearing someone and actively listening to understand. They'll practice the LISTEN approach: Look and pay attention, Interrupt less, Seek to understand, Tell back what you heard, Explore with questions, and Notice tone and body language.
From there, participants will tackle conflict and difficult conversations, learning how to address a problem without attacking the person. They'll practice the WHEN – I FEEL – BECAUSE – CAN WE? approach and explore how successful conflict resolution doesn't always mean agreement—it might mean compromise, clarification, new expectations, respectful disagreement, or establishing a boundary.
The session also explores healthy boundaries, friendships, professional communication, and digital etiquette. Participants will practice adapting the same message for a friend, professor, employer, or Scout leader and learn to consider their audience, purpose, next step, and tone before hitting send.
Finally, participants will explore communication as a mentoring skill. Rather than immediately solving someone else's problem, they'll practice ASK – LISTEN – GUIDE – ENCOURAGE, helping younger Scouts develop their own solutions and confidence.
Participants will leave Common Ground with a simple communication philosophy they can carry into leadership and everyday relationships: listen before assuming, clarify before reacting, address problems instead of attacking people, set and respect boundaries, and help others find their own voice.



Lead Without Limits: Turning Scouting Leadership into Real-World Leadership | Leadership doesn't end when the meeting closes, the event is over, or the uniform comes off. Lead Without Limits challenges participants to take the leadership skills they've developed through Scouting and the Order of the Arrow and apply them to school, college, work, community organizations, and everyday life. The session is built around a central idea: leadership is not a title—it is influence, responsibility, service, and helping other people succeed.
Participants will begin by exploring what it means to lead when you're not in charge, practicing four important behaviors: taking initiative, asking instead of commanding, making other people

successful, and knowing when to follow. They'll also explore servant leadership, asking not what a leader gets from a team, but what the team needs from its leader in order to succeed.
Through The Worst Meeting Ever, participants will turn everything they dislike about meetings into a practical formula for running better ones. They'll then tackle a Delegation & Volunteer Leadership Challenge, learning to match responsibilities with people's skills, interests, capacity, and needs while exploring what motivates volunteers—including purpose, relationships, appreciation, ownership, growth, and belonging.
Participants will also practice giving and receiving constructive feedback using the Situation – Behavior – Impact model and race through an Event Planning Sprint, organizing a project around five questions: WHY – WHAT – WHO – WHEN – WHAT IF?
Finally, each participant will begin developing a personal leadership philosophy, identifying what they believe a leader should do, how they want people to feel when they lead, and how others should be better because of their leadership.
The goal is to recognize Scouting for what it can be: a leadership laboratory. Participants aren't simply preparing to become better lodge officers or Scout leaders—they're developing the ability to lead, serve, organize, communicate, and help others succeed wherever life takes them.



Breaking Boundaries: Leading Through Change | Change is inevitable, but successful change doesn't happen simply because someone announces a new direction. Breaking Boundaries explores how leaders can help their lodges move from recognizing the need for change to making it happen. Participants will learn how to identify barriers, communicate purpose, involve others, and build the support needed to initiate and sustain meaningful change.
Using the OA's 2025–2027 Business Plan as a real-world example, participants will connect larger organizational goals to decisions made at the lodge and chapter level. They'll consider how changes involving member retention, the member journey, lodge resources, finances, branding, and communications can translate from national priorities into local action.
Participants will then tackle one of leadership's biggest challenges: Why do good changes sometimes fail? In small groups, they'll compare "Why Change Fails" with "What Helps Change Succeed," examining issues such as poor communication, lack of youth involvement, unclear purpose, and attempting too much too quickly. They'll discover that resistance isn't necessarily something to overpower; leaders need to understand what's creating it and develop strategies that help people become part of the change.
The session moves from discussion to action as lodge teams choose an area where change is needed, identify potential obstacles, and consider what it will take to move forward. Each participant will finish by identifying one change they want to see and one step they can personally take within the next 30 days to help make it happen.
Breaking Boundaries challenges participants to recognize that effective leaders don't simply react to change—they help people understand it, participate in it, and move forward together.



From Vision to Victory: Project Management That Gets Things Done | Every successful event, service project, school assignment, or big idea starts the same way—with someone figuring out how to turn an idea into action. From Vision to Victory introduces project management as a practical leadership and life skill, using the framework GOAL → PLAN → DO →

ADJUST → FINISH. Participants will learn how to take a large project and turn it into manageable tasks with clear responsibilities, deadlines, resources, and backup plans.
Participants will explore the essential pieces of a successful project: goal, scope, tasks, people, timeline, resources, and risks. They'll also learn about dependencies—recognizing that some tasks can't begin until something else is completed—and why putting work in the right order can be just as important as identifying the work itself.
Then it's time to put those skills to the test in the Project Management Challenge. Teams are given six weeks, eight volunteers, and a $1,500 budget to create a one-day event for 75 participants. They'll define success, establish the project's scope, break the event into individual tasks, assign owners and deadlines, and identify potential risks.
Just when everything seems under control, they'll face the Project Manager's Nightmare: the budget gets cut, a volunteer cancels, and access to the facility changes. Teams must determine what each surprise affects and adjust their plans without losing sight of the project's goal. The exercise reinforces one of the session's biggest lessons: good project management isn't about creating a plan that never changes—it's about managing reality when it does.
Participants will finish by applying the same process to one of their own upcoming projects, identifying the desired result, initial tasks, potential risks, and the very next action they need to take.



Beyond the Summit: Council of Chiefs | SIS is about developing leaders, strengthening lodges, and preparing for what comes next—and the Council of Chiefs is where Section G1's leadership comes together to turn that momentum into action. This working meeting brings together section officers, lodge leadership, and advisers to share updates, coordinate upcoming programs, make plans, and ensure the lodges and section are moving forward together.
The Council of Chiefs provides an opportunity for section officers to report on their areas of responsibility and for each lodge to share updates with the rest of the section. Based on the previous agenda, the meeting also serves as an important planning forum for major section priorities, including the Section Impact Summit, section officer petitions, Section Conclave, leadership-development opportunities, and national OA events.
A significant portion of the meeting is dedicated to preparing for Section Conclave, with lodge representatives and section leadership coordinating items such as registration goals, lodge patches, committee progress, programming, special events, shows, trading post operations, and the event budget.
More than a series of reports, the Council of Chiefs is an opportunity for the section's leadership team to communicate, coordinate, solve problems, and establish clear next steps. As SIS ends, participants shift their focus from what they have learned during the weekend to what they will accomplish together in the months ahead.



Topic 4: Life Skills



Beyond the Paycheck: Building Your Financial Independence | Earning money is only the first step—knowing what to do with it is what creates independence. Beyond the Paycheck introduces young adults to the practical financial decisions they'll face with their first paycheck, first car, first apartment, student loans, insurance, and early credit choices.

Through interactive challenges, participants will learn the difference between gross and net pay, examine common paycheck deductions and benefits, and tackle a realistic monthly budget—including the unexpected expenses that can quickly derail it. They'll also explore the true costs behind major financial "firsts," learning why a car is more than its monthly payment, an apartment costs more than rent, and borrowing money for school requires looking beyond the amount initially offered.

The session also tackles credit, scams, and identity theft, helping participants understand how responsible credit use can build a financial history without unnecessarily carrying debt or paying interest. They'll learn to recognize common scam warning signs and practice a simple rule for suspicious financial situations: STOP – VERIFY – ACT.

Participants will leave with a practical foundation for making financial decisions—and a key lesson that financial independence isn't about knowing every answer. It's about understanding the numbers, asking the right questions, and knowing what you're agreeing to before committing your money.



Plot Your Path: College & Career Navigation | There isn't one "right" road after high school—and you don't have to have your entire future figured out today. Charting Your Course gives young adults a practical framework for exploring their options, comparing possible paths, and identifying the next useful step toward their future. Participants will examine college, community college, trade and technical education, apprenticeships, military service, direct-to-work opportunities, and other pathways while considering which options best fit their goals, interests, finances, and preferred way of learning.

Through interactive activities, participants will explore scholarships and grants, majors and career choices, internships and other ways to gain experience, and certifications and credentials that may help them enter a particular field. They'll also learn to recognize that experience doesn't have to come from a paid job—leadership, volunteering, Scouting, personal projects, clubs, and community service can all develop valuable career skills when participants learn how to explain what they accomplished.

The session also tackles an important reality: career paths are rarely straight lines. Participants will replace the idea of "High School → Major → Degree → Career → Forever" with a more realistic process of exploring, choosing, learning, trying, reevaluating, adjusting, and growing. Changing a major, pursuing a different field, or changing careers isn't automatically a failure—it can be an informed adjustment based on what you've learned along the way.

Participants will finish by creating their own Career Navigation Map, identifying a career they want to explore, the education or training it may require, ways to gain experience, questions they still need answered, and one concrete action they can take within the next 30 days.



Ready for Real Life: Independent Living Skills They Don't Teach You in School | Moving out on your own comes with a surprising number of questions: How do you feed yourself without spending a fortune? Why did your sweater shrink? What does that charge on the electric bill mean? And when something breaks, should you fix it yourself or call someone who knows what they're doing? Ready for Real Life tackles the everyday skills that suddenly become important when you begin living independently.

Through fast-paced team challenges, participants will stretch a grocery budget while planning a week of meals, diagnose common laundry disasters, identify basic household tools, and decide whether everyday maintenance problems are safe to handle themselves or require qualified help. The emphasis isn't on knowing how to fix everything—it's on recognizing the problem, knowing your limits, finding reliable information, and knowing when to ask for help.

Participants will also learn how to read a utility bill, understand which services they may need to set up when moving into their first place, and prepare for unexpected situations with a practical home emergency kit. Along the way, activities like the $40 Food Challenge put those skills into realistic situations, requiring teams to create two breakfasts, two lunches, and three dinners while staying on budget.

Participants will leave with practical skills—and a simple approach they can use whenever adulthood throws something unfamiliar at them: recognize the problem, find reliable information, decide whether you can safely handle it, and get help when you can't.



No Limits, Just Miles: Vehicle Ownership 101 | Getting the keys to your own vehicle brings freedom—but it also comes with responsibilities that go far beyond knowing how to drive. No Limits, Just Miles gives young adults the practical knowledge they need to make smarter decisions about buying, maintaining, insuring, and safely handling common problems with a vehicle.

Participants will become Used Car Detectives, investigating potential vehicles and learning why price and mileage only tell part of the story. They'll explore maintenance records, title history, warning signs, insurance costs, test drives, and independent inspections while learning to recognize red flags such as pressure to buy immediately, missing paperwork, unexplained warning lights, or a seller who refuses an inspection.

The session then puts participants in the driver's seat with an Ignore It or Fix It? challenge, where they'll decide whether common vehicle issues are routine maintenance, something that needs attention soon, or a warning that means it's time to stop and get help. They'll also tackle a Roadside Challenge covering the basic sequence for changing a flat tire and understanding a conventional jump-start procedure, with an emphasis on knowing when roadside conditions make getting professional assistance the safer choice.

Participants will also work through CRASH! What Now?, learning what to prioritize after an accident, what information and documentation to collect, and what actions to avoid. They'll follow that with an Insurance Claim Crash Course covering liability, collision and comprehensive coverage, deductibles, and the basic path from an accident to a claim and repair.

Participants will leave with a basic maintenance tracker and vehicle emergency-kit checklist, but more importantly, they'll leave understanding that being good with cars doesn't mean knowing

how to repair everything yourself. It means knowing what to check, what you can safely handle, when to get help, and how to keep a small problem from becoming a big one.



Stayin' Alive: CPR Certification| When someone suddenly needs help, knowing what to do can make a critical difference. Ready to Respond gives participants the opportunity to earn a CPR certification, developing the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to respond confidently during a cardiac emergency.

Led by a qualified CPR instructor, participants will learn how to recognize an emergency, activate the appropriate emergency response system, perform high-quality CPR, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED). Participants will complete the required instruction, skills practice, and evaluation necessary to earn their certification.

This is more than another SIS training session—participants will leave with a practical credential and potentially lifesaving skills they can use at home, school, work, Scouting events, and in their communities. Certification is valid for two years and requires an **additional $45 fee** beyond the regular SIS registration cost.



Uncharted Territory: Emergency Ready| Life rarely gives you advance warning before something goes sideways. Uncharted Territory prepares young adults to think clearly and make smart decisions when the original plan suddenly stops working. Through fast-paced, scenario-based activities, participants will explore adult emergency preparedness, disaster planning, personal and travel safety, emergency finances, and how to respond when several problems happen at once.

Participants will learn a simple preparedness framework—KNOW – PLAN – PACK – PRACTICE—and apply it to realistic situations such as severe weather, power outages, vehicle trouble, evacuations, travel problems, lost phones or wallets, unexpected expenses, and housing emergencies. They'll also face the Build Your Emergency Kit challenge, where limited space forces teams to decide which supplies are truly essential and defend their choices.

The session moves from preparation to decision-making with the 60-Second Evacuation and What Would You Do? challenges. Participants will practice identifying the immediate danger, deciding what needs to happen first, determining who needs to know, and recognizing actions that could make the situation worse. Participants will also explore personal and travel safety and tackle The $500 Problem, examining how savings, insurance, budgeting, and other available resources can help prevent an unexpected expense from becoming an even larger problem.

The session finishes with First Five Moves, where multiple problems hit at once: vehicle trouble, approaching severe weather, a dying phone, and being hours from home. Participants must determine what matters most and put their response in order. They'll leave with a practical principle they can carry into almost any emergency: identify the danger, protect people first, get reliable information, communicate, then solve the problem.



Your Seat at the Table: Navigating Civic Life | Becoming an adult means navigating systems, responsibilities, and decisions that don't always come with an instruction manual. Your Seat at the Table gives young adults practical experience with the parts of civic life they're likely to encounter, including voting, jury duty, basic legal rights, local government, community involvement, and contracts.

Through fast-paced activities and real-world scenarios, participants will practice preparing to vote, responding to a jury summons, figuring out which level of government handles a problem, making careful decisions when legal questions arise, and identifying ways to become involved in their communities. They'll also become Contract Detectives, learning to spot costs, obligations, fees, cancellation terms, and other details that deserve attention before signing an agreement. Rather than trying to memorize every law, office, or procedure, participants will leave with a framework for navigating civic life: know where to find reliable information, ask good questions, understand who has authority, read before signing, and recognize when it's time to seek qualified help. Most importantly, they'll discover that they don't need a title—or even need to be old enough to vote—to begin making a positive difference in their community.

Additional Information

Safeguarding Youth Training: ALL adult Arrowmen must put into practice Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth training protocols to, during, and from Section Impact Summit 2027. Everyone over 18 years of age must have up-to-date SYT certification 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 2027 or is over-registered, please reach out to Section Adviser Elaine Baker at sectiong1.oa@gmail.com. She will personally work with you to get your registration refunded or transferred.

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