



## Excitement Builds for FireFest

Tonight, Arrowmen will gather at the amphitheater for the culmination of Conclave weekend; the FireFest. Over the past year, a team of dedicated and experienced section staff have worked tirelessly on the program for the show, one that is definitely not worth missing.

At the show, the winners of the Lodge of the Year,

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# The Fire

**Saturday Evening**

## Don't Be Triflin' While You're Riflin'

Top Shot Competition Teaches Responsible Marksmanship



Gun shots could be heard distinctly thorough the camp, it was finally time for the Top Shot competition! Four youth and two adults from each lodge competed to see which lodge has the best shots in the section. The Top Shot started with the safety briefing, and Patrick Berard, Jr. from Blue Heron said "Don't be triflin' while you're riflin'." The group was already in the safety mood.

"This is the most exciting thing to happen in my life!" said John Lee from

Wahunsenakah as he was getting ready to start shooting. With a successful safety briefing, no errors were made during the competition.

First, the competitors went to the rifle range and shot at targets after doing some exercises like push ups and jumping jacks to get their heart rate up. Next, the participants went to the shotgun range and were scored on how many clays they hit. After that, the marksmen went to the paintball range where one

youth was blindfolded and given a paintball gun, which he carefully kept pointed downrange. Then the others in his group directed him where to shoot. The team was then scored based on how many paintballs were left in the hopper when the participant hit the target once. Lastly, the group went to an airsoft course where each marksman ran twenty-five yards to pick up safety equipment, then shot targets with airsoft versions of a pistol,

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## Schedule

### Reminders

7:00 p.m.  
Section Officer  
Elections

8:00 p.m.  
FireFest

9:15 p.m.  
The Big Feast

10:00 p.m.  
Patch Auction

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Ceremonies  
Roundtable

11:00 p.m.  
Taps

## Carving Deep

Down under the trees inside the Scoutcraft Shelter, the smell of paint and the clacking of chisels could be heard throughout the area. Adults and youth (some of the best craftsmen in the section) gathered and carved slabs of wood into personalized arrows for each lodge.

When you come up close and examine these arrows the detail is incredible. All the Arrowmen gathered have amazing attention to detail. Clay Swaner from Shenshawpotoo explains, "It's fun to pay attention to the little things."

Wood carving also has a sentimental value for all involved. Mike Coley, an adult carefully painting an arrow for Blue Heron commented, "It's a feeling of accomplishment. You can come back here in ten years and it will still be here." Mike could not have explained it better, for the arrows made today will be around for generations to enjoy.



# Meet Your Section Officers

Andrew Sorenson is and Eagle Scout from Troop 375 in Virginia Beach, VA. A vigil member from Blue Heron Lodge, Andrew has served in various leadership positions including, but not limited to: Section Secretary, National Leadership Seminar Staff, ArrowTour Road Crew, NO-AC Staff, and Lodge Secretary.



"The thrill of adventure, the fellowship of our brotherhood, and the leadership of the many qualified youth and adults in our organization inspire me to dedicate myself to a life of service through the OA."

Alex Maneval is an Eagle Scout from Troop 73 in Waynesboro, VA. A vigil member from Shenandoah Lodge, Alex has served



in various leadership positions including but not limited to: Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief of Activities, Chapter Leadership Summit Staff, NYLT Senior Patrol Leader, and Chapter Vice-Chief. Alex will also be returning this summer to Camp Shenandoah for his sixth year on camp staff.

"Being able to do cheerful service with some of my closest friends is the number one reason why I love serving in the OA!"

Carter Elliott is an Eagle Scout from Troop 184 in Altavista, VA and a vigil member in Tutelo Lodge. His past experience in the Order includes but is not limited to: Lodge Service Chairman, Lodge Activities Chairman, Chapter

Chief, Lodge Treasurer, and Vice-Chief of Committees. He is currently serving as the Tutelo Lodge Chief, and will be returning to Camp Ottari this summer for his fifth year on summer camp staff.



"I love scouting because it is the only youth led organization in the world where youth can come together to learn about leadership and brotherhood through the experiences that scouting has to offer."



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Golden Arrow, and Spirit Award will be revealed, as lodges wait nervously, waiting for their moment of glory.

Additionally, FireFest will bring the theme "Pass it On" to an exciting climax, and Arrowmen will leave with a better understanding of their role in the order.

"The whole weekend has been leading up to this", said an Arrowmen close to the shows CVC.

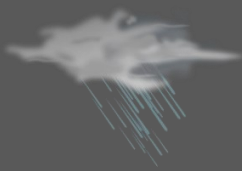
As we enter the last hours of preparations, Arrowmen to bring rain gear in the case of unexpected inclement weather.



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shotgun and rifle. They were then given points based on how fast they could all complete the course. The event was a great time of brotherhood and camaraderie.

## WEATHER REPORT



Rain (beginning around 8:00 p.m.) Thunder possible. Low around 55 degrees. Chance of rain 100%.  
(as of 5:12 p.m.)

# Quest & Expo Make Lasting Memories

Arrowmen, in making the most of their Conclave experience, pushed their boundaries by testing their athletic ability and by learning new skills. A live band performing livened the mood for everybody walking around the Expo. Samuel from Shenandoah Lodge really enjoyed the music and noted that he admired “the style and the beat.” Adjacent to the performance, Scouts were building fires with OA High Adventure foremen. Like all Scouts, these ones had a lot of fun burning things.

Fortunately, wood was not the only thing that was burning. Activities between lodges during the Quest events got very heated. Trey from Nawakwa Lodge joked that he found it “fun and exciting as he watched Nawakwa destroy the whole competition.” In a nail-biting finish, Nawakwa Lodge’s volleyball team won the championship over Wahunsenakah by a score of 21 to 18. With Scouts from every lodge

in attendance, the whole Section got to witness the spectacle as Nawakwa took home the title for the second straight year.

Next to the volleyball game, Scouts learned to weld from some of the craft’s top minds. Numerous scouts came to experience it, and even our guest National Officers came to test their mettle. However, while everyone enjoyed welding, the most popular activity by far was paintball shooting. But why? Christian from Blue Heron said it best: “you get to shoot.” Not

only that, but scouts from across the Section got to make friends with one another over paintball.

Whether it was listening to music, playing sports, or learning new skills, the Quest events and the Expo were a big hit with everyone. Lots of memories were made this afternoon at Conclave 2016.

