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THE STATE of the SECTION

By **RYAN JONES**

A rowmen, it is a fantastic time to be a part of our wonderful Section! We've had the opportunity to play host to one of the most valuable and awesome training experiences in the Boy Scouts of America. As well, we will be hosting a Joint Section Retreat in just a couple of months with our brothers from the north, Section W-3N. And our annual Section Conclave is now less than 6 months away! We are so thrilled to see so many members of our Section attending these events and helping their Lodge be the best they can be.

Those that went to the National Leadership Seminar in Alameda know that one of the best ways to serve your Lodge is to make yourself the best leader possible. By participating in these events, and having the most fun you can, you are showing that you are dedicated to making your Lodge better. Taking the most out of opportunities like NLS is the most important message we can convey to Leaders in the Section.

If you went to the NLS, then you've probably found, or are closer to finding, the reason why you take the responsibilities that you do, whether you're a Vice Chief of a Chapter or Lodge, a Chief, or a chairman. Taking that responsibility has made your Lodge better, and showed a level of dedication and commitment that will help you grow as leader and a person. It's humbling to see so many people take leadership roles

for the purpose of bettering their Lodge.

In January, Section W-3N will travel down to W-3S to participate in our Joint Retreat. This will be our first opportunity for all the leaders of Area 3 to come together for a weekend of fellowship and training that will help us serve our Sections and Lodges better. We will have a few great training sessions that will build on the values and responsibilities that everybody holds in their Lodges. We will help build on the values taught in the November NLS so that both our Sections will be at their finest.

We'll also have the chance to buckle down and get some serious Conclave planning completed! With less than 6 months until we travel to Ohlone Lodge's council camp, Cutter Scout Reservation, it is important that we start finalizing all the fun events we can expect to see. If you want to aid in planning this amazing event, then the Section Retreat is definitely the place you want to be!

It is important that we get as many people as we can to come to Conclave this year. As a dedicated member to your Lodge and Section, it is important that you do all that you can to promote Conclave to the best of your abilities. The Section will be releasing promotional material to be used in your Lodges and Chapters. Please take advantage of these resources to promote to your Lodges.

Again, this is a fantastic time to be part of Section W-3S, and the future of our Section sees even more great opportunities to better our Lodges and advance our leadership. Don't forget about those that you serve, for they are your successors. They are the leaders of tomorrow. I hope to see all of you very soon, and have a fantastic holiday season. ■

A sneak peek at Conclave

By **MICHAEL DECKER**
CVC of Special Events

Video by **ELVIN WONG**
CVC of Marketing

Some of the special features for this up and coming Conclave include: Lodge Midway Booths, Ducky Madness, VIA Luncheon, a Hodag and the opportunity to become the Special Nationally Recognized Conclave Vice Chief. With this line-up of special events and much more activities available at Camp Cutter, we hope that many Arrowmen attend this Conclave to support W-3S and the Order of the Arrow.



Scan the QR code on your smartphone to find out why you should come to Conclave!

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Section W-3S's official newsletter

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Only at Conclave

Section Merch at Trading Post!



By **KYLE JUE**
CVC of Trading Post

The trading post will have so much this year. We will have all the usual items like patches, trading, and all sorts of fun collector's items. We also have a snack bar with candy, chips, and sodas. Remember that we can't even have this conclave and ultimately the trading post if you don't make it to Cutter Scout Reservation for this great opportunity of brotherhood.

SECTION CALENDAR

Section W-3N/W-3S Retreat
January 4-5, 2013
Modesto, CA

Council of Chiefs Meeting
March 10, 2013
San Leandro, CA

National Leadership Seminar
April 5-7, 2013
Phoenix, AZ

Section W-3S Conclave
April 26-28, 2013
Cutter Scout Reservation

Council of Chiefs Meeting
May 19, 2013
Location TBA

Adventure is calling!

By **TYLER LYMAN**

Ever wanted to Hike the Tooth of Time? Scuba Dive with the fishes? Or canoe into Canada? Then High Adventure is the opportunity for you. With following the Order of the Arrow principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service, you receive a once in a lifetime experience. Many people wait 3 to 5 years to have an opportunity to go to these types of high adventure bases many of which cost into the thousands of dollars to attend. With the OA on the other hand, you can go to any high adventure THIS YEAR, and for a discounted price. You can go to Philmont, Florida Sea Base, Canadian Odyssey. There are limited spaces and they do fill quickly.

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A letter from the editor

By **ELVIN WONG**
CVC of Marketing

This was published on the Section Facebook page on Nov. 25 and is edited for tense.

I was on my way back to Boston University after a wonderful Thanksgiving break in New York, and I wanted to share with you the Scout Spirit at work.

Our bus stopped at a rest stop in the middle of Connecticut and there was a local troop handing out food and coffee to hungry travelers like me. It brings me joy to see these scouts helping anyone who comes their way

and that the Scout Spirit sees no bounds, especially to me, a scout far from his home and his fellow scouts.

I ask you that this holiday season, continue the act of giving through your units or on your own, as there will always be someone out there who needs your assistance. As for me, thanks to their generosity and giving, I was able to survive the ride to our next stop. ■