# WHALE TALES

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### New England Fellowship Reflection

New England Fellowship was a success hosted by Pennacook Lodge at New England base Camp with over 250 people attending. NEF had great trainings, led by trainers from around the Section featuring trainings like drywall repair, building your social media presence, building your team, and many more. Are you smarter than a Section Officer? Although everything was great, many would say that the Saturday Night Game Show was the highlight of the weekend. Where we found out if your Lodge's representative was smarter than a Section Officer. Our Section Officers had a rough night with none of them being able to bring the win home. Win S. was able to bring home the win for Tantamous Lodge. It was a great time of brotherhood, fellowship, and making new friendships that will last a lifetime!

With the 2022-2023 year coming to a close it was time to elect our new Section Officers. The elections were held on Sunday morning at our annual business meeting where we elected a Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary. From left to right Section Vice Chief Dan F., Section Chief Cam D., and Section Secretary Josh N.

Joshua N. Section E19 Secretary

#### **Jamboree Recap**



#### 2023 National Jamboree OPERATION ARROW

Arrowmen of Section E19,

Let me be the first to share the energy and excitement that was had at the Summit Bechtel Reserve this summer at the 2023 National Jamboree. As you know, our brotherhood is no stranger to leaving our mark on the Scouting movement. This summer we were challenged with showcasing what our organization has to offer by hosting Operation Arrow. This year we announced the return of the OA Service Corps and the launch of the OA's newest addition to the Jamboree, the Summit Apex program. Summit Apex is our organization's take on an "outpost" program area which inspired Scouts to appreciate the benefits of their membership in Scouting. With new activities, gatherings and opportunities like we had never seen before, we joined thousands of our fellow Scouts in attending the program on its inaugural year!

However, the momentum from Operation Arrow will not stop here. Next year, we will come together at the University of Colorado Boulder, and unite for our 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference. At NOAC we will start a new chapter for our organization, and embrace the theme of "Seek New Heights". As we embark on this journey together, I challenge each and every one of you to embrace the themes of Seek New Heights with unwavering determination. I can't wait to see each of you next year at our National Order of the Arrow Conference for an event you won't want to miss!

Yours in Scouting,

Zach Simalshy

Zach Grinvalsky 2023 Order of the Arrow National Chief

#### LODGE HIGHLIGHTS



#### Madockawanda Darryk Kelly Lodge Chief

Madockawanda Lodge has seen more progress in the development and quality of our service projects, Elangomats, and Ceremonialists than I can ever recall. That is due to the hard work of some very dedicated Arrowmen. We have committed to quality in Cheerful Service.

All together, our lodge is charting a fresh new course, powered by the momentum of last year's success. How do I know this? Because we have already grown in membership this year, and we still have three more events yet to come, including our Fall Induction Weekend. Our lodge is in the midst of a movement; we are shifting from a great lodge to a thriving lodge.



Tulpe Nathan Wetmore Lodge Chief

First in foremost, Tulpe Lodge's summer camp program has been filled with weekly brotherhood conversions and ice cream socials for all 8 weeks of camp. Along with operating a provisional week for all OA members, which allowed us to complete bigger and better service projects throughout the week in the morning and allowed for all attendees to enjoy all that Camp Yawgoog has to offer in the afternoons. Did I mention that this event is available to all Order of the Arrow members no matter your lodge affiliation, all for the low cost of \$150.

Moving away from summer camp we have been thriving with building our committees up for our last ordeal being held at one of our 7 council camps with that being none other than Camp Champlin right in the heart of Rhode Island. We are projecting over 100 attendees for this event with more than half being new ordeal candidates. Stay tuned to hear more about other lodges in Section E19 and their success stories.

### JOIN A COMMITTEE

Did NEF last year get you pumped? Did you see areas for improvement? It's time to make your voice heard. Join a section committee and get directly involved in the planning process. No experience required, and YOU have the opportunity to leave a lasting impact on hundreds of Arrowmen around New England! We have three INCREDIBLE coordinators this year.

Chris H. heads the **Training Committee**. Together, you will craft unique training sessions to best serve the Arrowmen of New England. Interested in a little more action?

Mathieu C. is leading up the **Program Committee**. With Matheiu, you will span everything from the most action packed competitions in the E19 Cup, to leisure activities in the Chill Zone.

Maybe you're more theatrical? Nate W. will be directing the **Shows Committee**. Together, you will dream up tense dramas, engaging comedies, and everything in between to put together an awesome performance for the section to enjoy!

Want to share all this hard work? Join the **Communications Committee** and help us tell the story of the Section for all to see.

If you are interested in staffing in any of these committees, helping in the planning process, or both, be sure to scan the QR code or email camdalt I 4@gmail.com. We would love to have you on our team; and this is your chance to contribute to one of the best New England Fellowship we've

seen in years!

### Chief's Report

#### Section E19,

We are SO back! With a strong COC, Whale Tales revamped, and a dedicated group of section leadership, I can't wait to see what this year has in store for us all.

When I began my term back in June, I had my eyes on a tenet for Section E19 leadership to embody: excellence. How can we as a section expect to help our lodges if we ourselves are lacking? This doesn't mean we won't make mistakes, but we will surely put our best foot forward. They say a rising tide lifts all ships, the section **must** set the example.

If we want 2024 to be excellent, it has to begin with planning. I'm happy to report the section leadership has already been hard at work to set this year, and years to come, up for success. After a summer of intentional meetings and thoughtful decisions, I'm so excited to move into this year with a killer team.

In order for our message to be heard, this must be followed up with excellent communication. You are viewing the fruits of this effort now, with the return of Whale Tales! This is our way to give you the most up to date information, while also showcasing an effective newsletter to take back to your lodge.

Finally, communication gets us right up to our events, but then all that will matter is excellent execution. Looking at our team this year, I am confident we will deliver for all of our Arrowmen in a big way. The question is: will you bring the energy? No matter how much work the section leadership puts in, YOU are the ones who make our events meaningful. We aren't involved in the OA for spectacles alone; we are here for the relationships that bind us together. My team will simply create an atmosphere for that to happen. It's up to you to **bring the spirit**.

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Yours in Brotherhood, Cameron Dalton Section E19 Chief

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to the 2022 Section Officers, Lodge Chiefs, Coordnatiors and Committees, and Pennacook Lodge for your hard work throughout this year!

The Officers and I look forward to a great 2023 year of helping and visiting our Lodges! The Future is Now, come join us and help lead the future, make the change you want to see! Thank you for reading the summer edition of Whales Tales.

Sincerely, Joshua N.



#### Chief Editors Cam L