

Good evening Arrowmen,

You are receiving this email because you have expressed interest in attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) 2020. I am blind copying everyone who expressed interest to protect your email addresses. For youth protection purposes, I am openly sending this to myself, Lodge Adviser Russell Morris, Staff Adviser Zach Oman, and the Council Registrar (Sam Jennings).

Dates for NOAC 2020 are 3-8 August 2020 at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. Travel will be required prior to and following these dates. For planning purposes, anticipate 2 full days of travel since it is 750-800 miles from Denbigh Christian Academy in Newport News (where we hold the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings). There is a large patch trading event that occurs the day before check-in (3 August), so anticipate departing early on 31 July 2019 (Friday). We will plan to return late evening on 9 August (Sunday).

As of today, Wahunsenakah Lodge members are able to pre-register for attending NOAC 2020 with the Colonial Virginia Council Scout Shop. For youth to guarantee your place in the contingent, you must place a \$100 deposit no later than 30 September at the Scout Shop. Adults will hold their place with a \$100 deposit and will be placed on a list in the order the deposit was made. The national fee is \$545 plus our Lodge expenses that include transportation, food, lodging during travel and any items we issue (hat, shirt, t-shirts, patches, etc). Our goal is to complete sufficient fundraising to cover the transportation expense for the contingent and all meals, lodging and additional contingent items for the youth. I will publish a payment schedule for the remainder of the payments once the details are worked out with the Council office.

Youth Participants: All youth (members who will be less than 21 on 8 August 2020) who pay the \$100 pre-registration to the Scout Shop prior to close of business on 30 September 2019 are guaranteed a spot on our 2020 NOAC Contingent. Youth participants will be expected to participate in as many of the Contingent meetings, fundraisers and activities as possible to ensure we are ready to maximize our experience upon arrival. Youth participation in fundraising activities is essential to help defray the costs of attendance beyond the \$545 NOAC fee charged by National OA. When you reply to me that you are attending, copy one of your parents or youth Chapter Adviser to ensure correspondence is consistent with BSA's Youth Protection policy...thanks!

Adult Participants: National recommends a ratio of 1 adult for every 3 youth participants (under the age of 21) to maximize youth participation. For the upcoming NOAC, national has relaxed the ratio cap so we can increase the number of adult participants, but we cannot exceed a one-to-one (1:1) ration of adults to youth. This is the reason for consideration being given to first-come-first-served on adult pre-registrations. We will also give consideration to maximize a balance of adults participating so each Chapter has representation in the contingent. All adults attending will be asked to take an active role in planning the trip, helping youth conduct fundraisers, and execute the logistics to make this trip an experience of a lifetime for all Wahunsenakah participants. As needs arise, I will be reaching out to you requesting your leadership and service with special projects and logistics assignments to facilitate our effort.

All Participants: Once you make your \$100 deposit at the Scout Shop, send an email to me at this email address (wahunsenakahnoac2020@gmail.com) and provide the following information: Name, Unit (primary), phone number (preferred contact number for texts), email address, Chapter, Youth - age on 8 Aug 2020 for youth, Adults – tell me you're an adult. I will build the official Contingent Roster for NOAC 2020 as I receive your responses.

Next Steps: On or about 1 October 2019, National OA will officially open their online registration for members to sign up. Wahunsenakah Lodge via Colonial Virginia Council is obligated to pay \$100 per participant intending to sign up with a guaranteed seat on 1 October 2019. The Lodge and Council require the deposit to cover the participant costs, thus our need to get the \$100 deposit to the Scout Office prior to 30 September.

For more information from National OA, check out: www.noac2020.org which will be live by the end of August. To better understand what Arrowmen can expect at NOAC, check out the site from NOAC 2018: oa-bsa.org/noac2020 and noac2018.org.

WahunsenakahNOAC2020@gmail.com has been set up for NOAC 2020 communications so I don't miss any correspondence from you as we plan for an incredible NOAC experience.

Please share this information widely with all OA members in your Chapters, Troops, Ships and Crews. It is not too late to get more people signing up. As Mr. Morris told the LEC youth and adult leaders yesterday, while we set the goal of chartering a 50 person bus to attend, he wouldn't object to a second bus so we can bring 100 participants.

If you have any comments, don't hesitate to contact me at: WahunsenakahNOAC2020@gmail.com or cell phone: 757-746-6064.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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