



Council of Chiefs

January 10, 2026

Camp Sidney Dew

- I. Pledge and Obligation
- II. Roll Call
 - Alibamu: Present
 - Aracoma: Present
 - Chattahoochee: Absent
 - Coosa: Present
 - Echeconnee: Present
 - Egwa Tawa Dee: Present
 - Ini-To: Present
 - Itsula: Present
 - Mowogo: Present
 - Waguli: Present
 - Withlacoochee: Present
 - Administrative Events: Present
 - Tailypo: Present
 - Special Events: Present
 - Training: Present
 - Fellowship: Representative
 - OAHA: Present
 - Shows: Present
 - Ceremonies: Absent
 - Quest: Absent

III. Introduction & Approval of Agenda

- I. Coosa moves to approve the Agenda, Egwa Tawa Dee seconds. The motion passes unanimously

III. What is a Council of Chiefs? - Ken Barton

- I. Ken explains the function of the COC, its members, and its importance. COC gives lodges a voice in section matters. COC is also responsible for the planning of Section events & functions. Robert's Rules of Order utilized. Matthew Kerl, resident parliamentarian, explains the process of how to make a motion.



IV. Officer Reports

a. Secretary

1. About 210 arrowmen registered for Service Beyond the Fire. Grateful that lodges utilized the provided Promotional Toolkit. Conclave Toolkit will be coming soon.

b. Vice Chief

1. Also grateful for support and attendance. Excited for Conclave

c. Chief

1. Officers attended Section Officer Seminar (SOS) in October. Shared ideas with other sections leaders and attended valuable trainings. Staffed December NLS. NPM occurring next week for Elections, National Jamboree, and much more, including Inductions Experience.

V. Lodge Reports

a. Alibamu

1. Alibamu recharted this year with 204 members, and are categorized as a Thriving Lodge. As a Lodge, 5,000 hours of service were performed. They also welcomed 5 new Vigil Honor members. In December, they hosted their Fall Fellowship which had good attendance. Next week, arrowmen will be staffing their council's Winter Camp.

b. Aracoma

1. Fall Fellowship. 202 Members – High Performing. Several planning events for Conclave.
2. Aracoma hosted their Fall Fellowship in November. This year, they recharted with 202 members, and are categorized as a High Performing Lodge. Aracoma will be having several Conclave planning events in the future.

d. Coosa

1. Coosa has had several events since the previous COC. Spring Fellowship occurred in September after its weather-induced postponement. In



November, they had their Fall Fellowship where new Officers were elected and 11 members kept their Vigil. Coosa also participated in the Prototype Inductions Experience in November and was able to provide feedback to National. In December, new officers and committee chairmen were trained at their annual LLDR. Upcoming events include Winter Banquet in January and the Winter Induction in February.

e. Echeconnee

1. Echeconnee recently held its Fall Fellowship, with 4 new Vigil Honor members, and 1 new Brotherhood member. There, they also elected their new Officers who were later trained at their LLD in December. Echeconnee will be having their Banquet on January 24th.

f. Egwa Tawa Dee

1. Egwa Tawa Dee just held their Winter Banquet with roughly 200 attendees. New Officers were installed, and their 16 new Vigil Honor members were recognized. Their LLD will occur at the end of January. They will be hosting a Service Day in February, and their Spring Gathering in March. They are also preparing for their Spring Induction in May.

g. Ini-to

1. Ini-To just finished celebrating their 80th Anniversary. In 2025, they inducted 75 new arrowmen, 25 new Brotherhood members, and 6 new Vigil Honor members. Ini-To also has a new Supreme Chief of the Fire. Their Klondike event will happen next weekend, and they hope that their new arrowmen will attend.

h. I-Tsu-La

1. I-Tsu-La elected their new officers at their Fall Fellowship. They also recently held their Winter Banquet and Winter Induction, where they inducted 20 new members, 11 Brotherhood, and 3 Vigil Honor members. At their council Winter Camp, 80% of the staff are OA members. Their next event is Spring Fellowship at Camp Tolochee on March 6-8. All COC members are invited to attend.

i. Mowogo



1. Mowogo recently held their Fall Fellowship Induction. They rechartered with over 500 members. They also successfully filled all LEC positions. Mowogo also recently had their LLDC to train new officers. Next weekend, they will host their Banquet and install their new Lodge Adviser.

j. Waguli

1. 12 youth & 12 adults at LLD. Over 100 at Banquet. Spring Event in March, everyone invited. Cost covered.
2. Waguli recently had their LLD, attended by 12 youth and 12 adult members. At their Winter Banquet, over 100 members attended. They will host their Spring Gathering in March to complete the originally planned service project for Service Beyond the Fire. All arrowmen are invited to join.

k. Withlacoochee

1. Withlacoochee held their Fall Ordeal in November, welcoming 22 new members, 9 Brotherhood members, and 3 Vigil. They also recently held their Winter Banquet. Withlacoochee rechartered with 104 members and was categorized as a High Performing Lodge for the first time. Withlacoochee was selected to pilot the new Lodge Philmont Trek this summer. They will be holding their first Ordeal of the year in March.

VI.Region/National Updates

a. Induction Experience - Emma Wright / Sophia B.

1. Emma Wright: The new inductions are coming this year. The timeline is pending approval at the NPM. Currently, trainings will occur in March and April. One will be at Bert Adams Scout Camp on April 24-26 (Weekend after Conclave). Section E6 is required to host its own Inductions Experience by the end of 2026. After E6's IE, Lodges will be permitted to use new ceremonies. All Lodges must be trained before using new ceremonies. Lodges must attend Section OR National Inductions Experience prior to using new ceremonies.
2. Sophia B., Coosa Lodge Chief: Coosa held the Prototype Inductions Experience in November. There are lots of good changes being made. There are 5 Ceremonialists instead of 4 now. Luminaries, which replace Elangomats, have a much larger role during the weekend including



ceremonies, service projects, and activities. Several activities were featured, such as “Get to know you” and leadership activities. It is unsure which activities will be used in the future. Multiple versions were distributed to the pilot lodges, so the version Coosa had may not be used. Ceremonialists will attend service projects to talk with candidates. Service time will remain the same. The suggested schedule runs late, which could provide issues with Brotherhood ceremonies. The overall changes are positive.

b. Operation Arrow

- I. Operation Arrow provides a lot of service to the National Jamboree. Operation Arrow has many of its own program aspects and activities. If interested in staffing with Operation Arrow, register soon. \$650 for a full session for members under 31.

c. [NLS/DYLC](#) & Promotion - Emma Wright

i. February 20th - 22nd - Fruitland Park, FL

- I. Closest one in Orlando. Apply for scholarships

ii. March 20th - 22nd - Schuylkill Haven, PA

iii. October 2nd - 5th - Rockwood, TN

iv. November 13th - 15th - Alpine, NJ

v. [Scholarships](#)

d. OA High Adventure Report - Eli Leaders

- I. There are 17 Total registered participants so far.
 - I. 15 Egwa Tawa Dee, 1 Aracoma, 1 Withlacoochee
2. 12 OATC, 4 OAWV, 1 OASE
3. 3 Scholarship applicants, open until January 31st. Originally January 4th, but was extended as there are still funds available. The Eastern Region also has an OAHA Scholarship.

v. Scholarships Applications due 1/31

VII. Old Business



a. [2025 October Virtual Council of Chiefs Minutes](#)

- I. Echeconnee moves to approve the 2025 October Virtual Council of Chiefs Minutes, Coosa seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

b. [Honor Lodge Reminders](#)

- I. Most lodges have already submitted their calendars. If your lodge has not submitted theirs, please do so by the end of the day. Lodges must also submit their signed recharter and PMP by the end of the day if they have not already done so. Additionally, please remember that the 5% Winter Event Attendance criteria will be based on 2025 Dues Paid numbers.
2. Dylan Diamond, I-Tsu-La Lodge Chief asks: For smaller lodges, numbers tend to be an issue. Why is this not a percentage? Emma responds saying that Winter Event attendance is a percentage. Dylan clarifies that he was discussing NLS/OAHA attendance criteria. Emma states that this will be discussed after COC.

VIII. New Business

a. Conclave: April 17-19th @ Moundville State Park

- I. Stephen throws patches across the room poorly.

ii. [Tentative Schedule](#) – Emma Wright

- I. Emma reviews the schedule and asks for discussion.
2. Sophia B., Coosa Lodge Chief: Why is Tailypo is so late? Emma explains that Tailypo is the same time as it was last year.
3. Coosa moves to approve the Tentative Schedule. Echeconnee seconds the motion.
4. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge Chief, asks that elections be moved to Saturday night due to travel distance.
5. Aaron Sadowski, Shows CVC: Why is dinner so long?
Emma K., Aracoma Lodge Chief, clarifies that waves of people eating dinner as it is impossible to sit all members in the dining area at once.
6. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee: All meals 3 hours long? Emma K., Aracoma, says yes.
7. Andrew, Mowogo Lodge Chief, remarks that members will be arriving home late if Officer Elections are held on Sunday.



8. Emma K., Aracoma Lodge Chief – Arrowmen from Lodges in Alabama have had to drive this distance after elections for several years. The current schedule is what is easiest for the Host Lodge.
9. Rosie A., Alibamu Lodge Chief - Most members live in Montgomery, so not as far of a drive [compared to Aracoma]. Saturday's schedule is already packed and everyone will be tired. Could the elections be moved to an earlier time on Sunday?
10. Withlacoochee: Instead of removing cracker barrel, do it during Cracker Barrel.
11. Hagan R., Withlacoochee Lodge Chief - Could Elections be held during Cracker Barrel on Saturday night?
12. Training – Chapel and Breakfast combined? Chief – Not able to have everyone at same time.
13. Tommy Phillips, Trainings CVC - Could Chapel and Breakfast be combined on Sunday morning? Emma Wright says that would not be possible since not all members can be seated in the dining area at once.
14. Sophia, Coosa - Since they are unable to seat everyone at the same time for a meal, not everyone can be under lights for a night election.
15. Chief – Summary: Either Saturday night or move events forward on Sunday. Make amendment to move it up Sunday, or move to Saturday. Other amendments?
16. Emma Wright summarizes the conversation: The current options are to either have the elections on Saturday night, or move events forward on Sunday morning. This will require an amendment to the previous motion.
17. Del G. Gaines, Egwa Tawa Dee - Could the elections be moved up on Sunday Morning? Emma Wright reminds the COC that a motion must be made to create an amendment.
18. Alibamu moves to amend the schedule to move the section officer elections up on Sunday morning. Sophia, Coosa Lodge Chief, accepts the amendment. Victoria, Echeconnee Lodge Chief, seconds.
19. Roll Call Vote for Amendment
 - a. Alibamu Yes
 - b. Aracoma Yes
 - c. Chattahoochee N/A (not present)
 - d. Coosa Yes



- e. Echeconnee Yes
- f. Egwa Yes
- g. In-itoYes
- h. I-Tsu-La No
- i. Mowogo No
- j. Waguli No
- k. Withlacoochee Yes
- l. Chief – Abstain
- m. VC – Abstain
- n. Sec - Abstain

20.

Lodge Promotion / Registration – Matthew Sutton

1. Conclave Registration will open on Monday, January 12th. The Section is currently awaiting the manufacturer to return artwork for memorabilia, but releasing registration is more important. Early Bird Registration will end on February 15th and will include a special item. Late Fee will apply at a later date. A promotional toolkit will also be available soon.

i. Service Lodge Updates – Aracoma

1. Registration opens Monday. Bring tents, no hammocks. Wooden stakes will be required for tents. Not sleeping on mound. Check in at the Visitor Center. Contingent Leaders will check in and receive materials. 3pm Friday and close at 11. Reopens on Saturday. Still open to public. Walk up registration at Visitor Center. Cannot seat everyone for meals.
2. Emma K., Aracoma Lodge Chief: As said earlier, Conclave registration will open on Monday. We ask that you bring tents and no hammocks. Moundville will not allow hammocks. We also ask that you bring wood stakes for your tents if possible. There were concerns about sleeping on the Mounds, but that is not the case as attendees will be sleeping on the field. Check in will be at the Visitors Center, the large building at the entrance. Contingent leaders will check in and receive materials. Check in will be from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Friday, and again on Saturday morning. Walk up registration will be handled at the Visitor Center. Please note that not everyone can be seated at once for meals.



3. Sleepy, Aracoma Lodge Adviser – Emma K. will give each lodge an envelope with information. Contact the host lodge for more information or if you have any questions.
4. Egwa Tawa Dee moves to approve, Ini-to seconds
5. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee, moves to approve the Service Lodge Proposal. Mackenzie, Ini-To Chief, seconds.
6. Aaron, Shows – Is there a weather contingency plan for shows? Host lodge says “No, if it rains, it rains.”
7. Motion passes unanimously

ii. Program Vision and Overview

1. Administrative Events – Sophie B.
 1. Since being presented at the August COC, matrices have been added. Additionally, the Website category has increased in points as it now incorporates aspects of the Plan Book, which is no longer a section being judged. A new category called Retention has been created. This includes media for new arrowmen and what to include. This will ensure that Lodges are following up with their new arrowmen. The deadline for submissions is March 15th, including adult and youth judge contact information
 2. Hagan, Withlacoochee, moves to approve the Administrative Events Proposal. Victoria, Echeconnee, seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
2. Ceremonies – Elliot Mayo
 1. No new ceremonies will be used during Conclave evaluations. The CVC will be reaching out for evaluators.
 2. Sophia, Coosa, moves to approve. Victoria, Echeconnee seconds
 3. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee – How many evaluators? Emma, Chief - Will get a number soon.
 4. Emma K. Aracoma – Note that there is no parking at the location. Must drop off items. Parking pass is still acceptable.
 5. Passes unanimously.
3. Fellowship – Sankalp Yeleti
 1. Tommy Phillips, Trainings CVC, presents as Sankalp is not present. Open games, photo booths, patch trading, and



- movie (The Dukes of Hazzard) will be offered. The Officer Hunt will be making a return through the app. As requested earlier, the budget is \$150.
2. Sophia, Coosa moves to approve the Fellowship proposal. Hagan, Withlacoochee seconds.
 3. Sophia, Coosa – Will the photo booth print photos, or will users be required to access them digitally? Tommy will follow up with Sankalp.
 4. Aaron, Shows – Is the Dukes of Hazard scout appropriate? Tommy will follow up with Sankalp. Matthew, Secretary, states that the movie is not.
 5. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee, moves to amend the proposal to have a tentative movie. Sophia, Coosa, accepts the amendment. The motion passes unanimously.
4. Quest Events – Logan Leach
1. Volleyball vs Flag Football presented. Volleyball was decided during our August COC. Must turn in judges or cannot participate.
 2. As you may recall, flag football was proposed to replace volleyball, but volleyball was kept. Lodges must turn in judges or will not be allowed to participate.
 3. Sophia, Coosa – Is it just I judge? Emma, Chief - Yes, but subject to change.
 4. Sophia, Coosa moves to approve. Victoria, Echeconnee Seconds.
 5. Aaron, Shows- Can we spray paint field? Emma K., Aracoma - Yes
 6. Emma K. Aracoma – What sizes of volleyball pitch and Wisxichin? Emma, Chief - Standard sizes, will send info.
 7. Passes unanimously.
5. Shows – Aaron Sadowski
1. As stated earlier, our theme is Aim High. Would like to incorporate parts of that theme into the Shows. Would also like to meet with the Service Lodge after the COC to discuss shows equipment and location.
 2. Victoria, Echeconne moves to approve. Alex, Waguli, seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously
6. Special Events – Hagan Rudolf



1. Silent and Live Auction requires \$300 of patches. The submission form will be distributed soon. The Section Scholarships is funded by the auction, so it is extremely important that Lodges contribute. Please also provide 2 members for Food Drive to assist in counting. Additionally, each lodge will get 3 VIA seats (Lodge Chief + 2 Ordeal Members). The remainders will be divided by the lodges' percentage of ordeal members attendance. The adult cooking competition will also be returning.
2. Sophia, Coosa, moves to approve with amendment that adults cooking competition is left to discretion of Host Lodge if location available. Echeconnee Seconds.
3. Aracoma – Location available, but no open flame cooking.
4. Motion passes unanimously.
7. Tailypo Festival – Del G. Gaines
 1. Tailypo will be set up in a U-Shape with a 10x10 section reserved for each booth. A Dunk Tank will also be there if water is available and approved. Each lodge should bring an engaging booth. Booths will be scored out of 100 on Engagement, Creativity, WOW factor, information, etc. Section E6 is also asked to set up a booth. 1 Youth Judge from each lodge will be required.
 2. Hagan, Withlacoochee moves to approve. Alex, Waguli seconds
 3. Emma K., Aracoma - Will ask Moundville if it is possible to have a dunk tank.
 4. Passes unanimously
8. Training – Tommy Phillips
 1. The Trainings Schedule has been confirmed. Will be working with host lodge to determine locations. For the Matrix, trainers are still needed. Trainers provided result in Honor Lodge points. There will be a passport system and a special sticker for arrowmen who attend all three trainings. \$300 is the requested budget.
 2. Sophia, Coosa – Will arrowmen be able to jump between tracks? Tommy - Yes
 3. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee, moves to approve. Hagan, Withlacoochee, seconds



4. Emma K., Aracoma, – Training locations will be set up along the path. All printing must be done prior to Conclave.
5. Passes unanimously.
9. OAHA - Eli Leaders
 1. OAHA will have a Tailypo booth featuring several promotional cards, tabletop displays, and committee members sharing testimonials of OAHA.
 2. Victoria, Echeconnee, moves to approve. Sophia, Coosa, seconds.
 3. Hagan, Withlacoochee – Who will be talking at Tailypo? Eli, OAHA - Committee being assembled.
10. Conclave Proposal
 1. Victoria, Echeconnee, moves to approve. Alex, Waguli, seconds.
 2. Passes unanimously

iii. [Award List Approval](#) – Emma Wright

1. Block Awards and Thank You Plaques shown.
2. Alex, Waguli moves to approve. Hagan, Withlacoochee seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously

o. Section Inductions Experience

1. Coosa piloted the Prototype Inductions Experience in 2025 and is familiar with and trained in the new inductions. Therefore, they will be hosting the Section Inductions Experience. National requires that the Section host a SIE by the end of 2026. Instead of SLS, SIE will happen in August. SLS will be the Winter Event instead. The tentative dates are August 14-16 at Camp Sequoyah.
2. Hagan, Withlacoochee moves to approve. Victoria, Echeconnee seconds.
3. Andrew, Mowogo – Where is Camp Sequoyah? Matthew, Secretary – On I-20 between Atlanta and Birmingham.
4. Passes unanimously

p. [Section Service Award- Ruby Wolf](#)

1. Matthew Kerl - Created to recognize the work of members to the Section. Based on Silver Wolf from other Scouting Organizations.



2. Chief gives an overview of guiDel G.ines & other notes.
3. Selection: Other Sections have Officers do it, some have Lodges. Looking for thoughts on members on selection committee.
4. Sophia, Coosa – CVC & Adviser excluded from receiving during their term, too? No
5. Victoria, Echeconnee – How was the cost determined? Based on the costs of items online.
6. Sophia, Coosa – Possibly have Lodge Chiefs select for a year or two, then transition to previous recipients.
7. Michael Carlin, Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge Chief Emeritus – Create a separate committee that has members selected based on nominations
8. Del G., Egwa Tawa Dee moves to table to the Conclave COC. Victoria, Echeconnee seconds.
9. Passes unanimously

10. Closing

a. Adviser's Minute

1. Ryan presents Vigil Secretary Sash to Matthew
2. Ken – Big change transitioning from IVV to SBTF. Gratitude is a choice. Focus on little things. Thanks to Waguli and everyone for helping put on SBTF. Thanks to Stephen's effort despite projects & weather.

b. Adjourn

1. Sophia, Coosa moves to adjourn. Hagan, Withalacoochee seconds.
2. Passes unanimously