

CONCLAVE NEWSLETTER

27 April 2024

Saturday Edition

WHY CORNERSTONE?

The Cornerstone Conclave is the name that we use for the Order of the Arrow Conclave for section E7, composed of nine lodges from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. This title, coined as recently as 2021, holds deeper significance than meets the eye. But why "Cornerstone Conclave"? The answer lies in the history of two tangible cornerstones with roots reaching far into the past.

Ellicott Rock is a granite boundary marker located in the Blue Ridge Mountains along the border between Georgia and North Carolina. It is situated at the confluence of the Chattooga and Tallulah rivers.

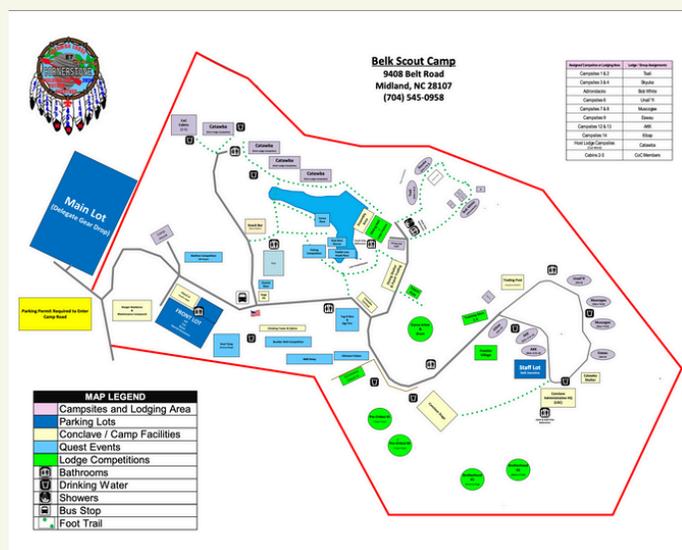
The rock gets its name from Andrew Ellicott, a surveyor hired by Georgia to identify and mark the boundary between the states in the late 18th century, following a dispute with North Carolina. Ellicott, along with his team, carved the boundary line onto the surface of the rock in 1811. He engraved the large rock in the Chattooga River with "N-G", standing for North Carolina - Georgia. The location had been prescribed in part in 1787 by the Treaty of Beaufort, though the river was not named explicitly, but rather as a then-unnamed tributary of the Savannah River between Georgia and South Carolina.

Two years after Ellicott's survey, commissioners representing North Carolina and South Carolina marked a different large rock along the Chattooga Riverbank with the inscription "Lat 35 AD 1813 NC + S.C." as the juncture where the South Carolina and North Carolina state lines joined.

The rock marked by the commissioners in 1813, rather than the rock marked by Ellicott in 1811, is often mistakenly called Ellicott Rock or Ellicott's Rock. To clarify this misnomer, it is called Commissioners Rock; it is commonly accepted as the tripoint where the boundary lines of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia meet.

Ellicott Rock and Commissioners Rock hold profound historical significance as they symbolize early endeavors to demarcate state boundaries within the United States. They serve as the foundational "cornerstones" uniting the states comprising our section, embodying the spirit of unity and cooperation across our lodges and councils.

MAP OF BELK SCOUT CAMP



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

During Friday night's show we held a vigil for the brothers who have since passed on. However, their legacy, a testament to their character was seen throughout the night.



We took the time to reflect on the memories. Let us use this weekend as a reflecting period among all of the folks who helped keep our passion alive for scouting.

"Those whom we seek to serve come our way but once as youth. Let us neglect none, for amount them may be the one to lead us to everlasting peace".

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Chief Candidates

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CALEB MULHOLLAND

Brothers!

My name is Caleb Mulholland, and I am a member of Esuwau Huppeday Lodge in

our glorious Section E7! I have been in the Order of the Arrow since 2019, and have served in many different leadership positions from the Chapter to the National level.

I am from Mooresville, North Carolina, and currently attend UNC Charlotte studying Computer Science and Cybersecurity. In my free time, I enjoy playing chess, electric guitar, and hanging out with friends.

As your 2024 Section Chief, I plan to enhance communication within our section, ensuring that every Arrowman has a voice. I also pledge to foster brotherhood between our lodges, building and strengthening relationships all around. Lastly, I pledge to support and uphold the traditions and essence of our organization. With you,

I will fight to preserve the traditions of American Indian Affairs within the Order of the Arrow. I hope that these values are what



ELIJAH AIKEN

My name is Elijah Aiken and it is truly an honor to say that I am a candidate for the office of the 2024-2025

E-7 Section Chief. I am an Eagle Scout and Founders Award Recipient from the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge of the Blue Ridge Council, where I have had the privilege to serve in the roles of Secretary, Vice Chief of Inductions, and Lodge Chief. Outside of the lodge level, I have served as our E-7 Special Events coordinator in 2022, training coordinator in 2023, and most recently have had the privilege to serve as your E-7 Vice-Chief and Eastern Region Social media manager. I have both attended and served on staff at the National Leadership Seminar, and will serve again later this fall. I am about to finish my Senior year at Liberty High School and will have the privilege to attend Anderson University in the Fall where I will major in Secondary Education (Social Studies) while participating in the Teaching Fellows program. In my personal life I love playing baseball, hanging out with friends and family, and volunteering at my church. Having been in Scouting for just under 7 years, I have a deep love and passion for the program. As I traveled to all 9 lodges over the last year during my term I have met many great people and picked up many different ideas which I hope to use to help strengthen our section. I have plans and ideas to further the programs we offer as a section, placing a special emphasis on revamping our section wide training conference, preserving our AIA traditions, and installing new initiatives in our section to allow scholarships for our youth to attend national, regional, and sectional events!

Again, it is a true honor to be a candidate for Section Chief, and I thank you for your consideration



CONNER CHATARI

What's up Section E7!

My name is Conner Chatari, I am honored to be running for your

2024-2025 section chief. Let me start by telling you a little about myself. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 128 out of Concord, NC, and a two-term lodge chief from Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge. If elected section chief, I would like to increase our section's communication to lodge officers and modernize our section conclave to better fit the interests of our scouts.

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WYATT MUCKINHAUPT

Wyatt Muckinhaupt is an Eagle scout, a Vigil Honor member, NLS trained, Camp school trained, and the current



Lodge Chief of the Bob White Lodge. Since being inducted into the Order, Wyatt has served in several roles, including Ceremonies team, Media and Website Chairman, Trading post chairman, Vice Chief of Administration, and currently Section E7 Administrative Coordinator.

He is also on the National Communications Team for Photography. Wyatt has staffed his home camp and other council camps helping to provide a great summer camp experience. Outside of scout he attends USC Aiken studying graphic design and communication. If elected as Section E7 Vice Chief, Wyatt plans to help the section grow by making an identity for the section.

He plans on improving our website, social media, and creating Section merchandise to help promote the section. Merchandise would help bring revenue to the Section and Lodges. He would also like to develop new online training resources for E7 Lodges to use for their LLD training along with allowing Lodges to exchange ideas, practices, and results to help make us as a section and Order stronger.

Coming from the 2025 Host Lodge, Wyatt has been involved in the planning for Conclave 2025 for over a year and electing him tonight will only make the planning and execution smooth and amazing. Wyatt knows that E7 is a great Section within the Order, and he would be honored for to serve as the next E7 Section Vice Chief.

DAVID BOGGS

Hello! I'm David Boggs and I am honored to be a candidate for section office of E7. I am Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, and



Founders Award member of Eswau Huppeday lodge. I have been a training chairman and vice chief of administration in Eswau Huppeday. I have also served as training coordinator for the past year in the section. I have attended NYLT and NLS in the past. I am a senior at Bandys High School in Catawba, NC where I am active in the bands program. After high school, I plan to attend UNC Charlotte studying Electrical Engineering.

Scouting is my passion. Scouting has built me up from the shyest kid in my lodge to being someone who enjoys having a conversation with anyone. I have many ideas to strengthen our section as a whole and build the future together as a section. My goals are to build AIA, revamp the section training program, and providing more opportunities for our youth to attend national and regional events. My primary goal is to improve the conclave planning progress.

Currently, all programs, ceremonies, activities, AIA, etc. are submitted through many different sites and forms. I would like to simplify the process to make it less chaotic for our lodges and coordinators.

I would like to thank you all for this opportunity, and if you see me at any point, feel free to have a conversation! Thank you all for attending conclave.

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ABIGAIL WATSON



Hello Section E7! My name is Abigail Watson and I am a Vigil Member of Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge. I am super excited to spend this weekend with you all and to see all the amazing talents our Section has to offer! I will be running for Section Office at the elections during Saturday evening's show, and I can't wait to see you all there! As your officer, I would make it my top priority to not only deliver an incredible program for you and your lodge, but also help foster relationships, memories, and skills that serve you well beyond your time at Conclave. Let's all bring the energy this weekend and make it one to remember! If you'd like to get to know me a bit better, you will find me at the AIA competitions or participating in Quest events with my lodge. P.S. Scan the QR for more information about me and my ambitions for our Section.

PRESTON KUNKLE



Hello, Section E7! I am Preston Kunkle and I'm an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Muscogee Lodge, where I currently have the privilege of serving as Lodge Chief. Outside of Muscogee Lodge, I am also a National Leadership Seminar staff member, having recently staffed the NLS course in Columbia this year. Prior to serving as Lodge Chief, I have served as a Chapter Chief and our lodge's Vice Chief of Administration. Outside of the OA, I am a Camp Barstow staff member, active Junior Assistant Scoutmaster at the unit level, and recently concluded my term on the 2023-2024 cohort of the Scouts BSA National Youth Council. As a member of the Council of Chiefs and someone who is attending my fifth conclave this year, I have developed several ideas for improvements at the Section level. If elected, I would act as a staunch supporter of American Indian Activities and work to implement a section wide support program to aid lodges in becoming compliant with the National Committee's most recent requirements. I would also work with my fellow section officers and coordinators to revitalize the ACT conference, allowing for discussion between lodges to facilitate the open exchange of ideas and best practices. Additionally, I would work to expand section outreach, which begins with soliciting feedback from Arrowmen across Section E7 on how the section can better support our 9 lodges. In the spirit of our theme this weekend, let's build the future together!

MICHAEL "ALEX" FLOYD



Hey y'all! My name is Alex Floyd, and I want to serve you as Section Vice Chief. I'm a Life Scout with Troop 275, a Den Chief for Pack 275, and am currently helping to found Crew 263. I also serve as Communications Chairman for Eswau Huppeday Lodge. My goals as YOUR Vice Chief are to strengthen the ties between lodges, and improve our outreach program to help the OA grow.

Thank you for your time!

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MADELYN WILSON

Madelyn Wilson is a Vigil Honor member and Eagle Scout hailing from Bob White Lodge 87. Maddie joined Scouts BSA on February 1, 2019 as a founding member and the first SPL of Troop 1615. She has since served as the ASPL, Patrol Leader, OA Representative, and Chaplain's Aide. After earning the rank of Eagle in 2022, Maddie joined Crew 108 where she has held the positions of Venturing Historian and Crew Guide. Maddie was inducted into the OA in March 2020. Since then she has been on various committees including the Awards Committee, Camporee Committee, and the Kiokee River Election team. Maddie has also held multiple positions in the Bob White Lodge including the Quartermaster Chairman in 2022 and the Kiokee River Chapter Chief in 2023.



Maddie is currently serving as the Vice Chief of Program for 2024. Maddie is also on the Bob White ceremonies' team. She plays Nutiket in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony and is a drum team member. Outside of scouts, Maddie runs cross country and participates in clubs such as National Honor Society, Beta Club, and FLAIR (Foreign Languages Alliance for International Rapport.)

Maddie is a ministry leader in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Vice President of National Art Honor Society. Maddie loves serving and teaching others. She regularly volunteers at the Augusta Dream Center and is on the Student Servant Team at church. Maddie has also worked multiple years as a camp counselor and a lifeguard at the summer day camp hosted by the Georgia Carolina Council. Maddie has attended multiple leadership training sessions such as ILST and NLS. She has served as a LLD trainer across different Lodges and is also a NOAC staff trainer.

Maddie also enjoys promoting events through photography and social media accounts. She has managed Instagram accounts for her church youth group, Crew, and cross country team. As a Section Officer, Maddie hopes to focus on training, communication, and unity among the Lodges. Using her experience as a participant and as a trainer, she wants to plan and run an excellent program for the Section Training Conference, and help support Lodge leaders by giving them the tools they need to succeed in their Lodges. She also wants to accomplish deeper connections in the Section through intentional communication. Utilizing her experience in administration roles, Maddie wants to further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in Section E-7 through communication and cooperation.