



# Western Region • Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow

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Region OA Chairman

To: Section Chiefs  
Section Advisers  
Section Staff Advisers  
Region Committee

Subject: ***Western Region Section Reorganization***

August 14, 2008

My Brothers,  
Dear Brothers,

We would first like to thank you for your dedication and service to the Order of the Arrow and the Western Region. What you do affects the lives of youth throughout the Region. We would also like to thank you for your patience while we were working through the myriad of details involved in reorganizing the Sections in the Region. Now we can announce the new section alignments and we can all begin the process of implementing this exciting new era in the Western Region.

This reorganization process began when the National BSA Committee commissioned a consultant company to review all facets of the Boy Scouts and make recommendations to help improve operations and help us obtain our goals. A vast number of improvements were presented and as a result there have been and will continue to be changes in the method in which many parts of the BSA operate. That unit in your hometown may not see obvious changes as a great many are administrative, but they should see a continued improvement in programs and service to help them with their local programs. This is where the Order of the Arrow comes in! As part of the organizational overhaul of the Western Region we will have six physical Areas where previously we had only 4. Our Area Directors and Region and National Staff reorganized the areas and those changes have been reviewed and agreed upon by your Scout Executive. The Region Staff then allowed us input on which Councils would be in which Sections and we want like to thank them for that opportunity. Our new Sections were then approved by the Area Directors. The official vote for the realignment by the Western Region BSA Committee will take place in September. However, due to important fall dates such as our Gathering in October, we have been

allowed to announce our changes so that the Section Advisers and Section Chiefs can implement the changes immediately.

This is an exciting time for all of us. We have been given a chance to start fresh in most of our Sections. Some have lost or gained a single lodge while a few have gained or lost more than that. We now will have 14 sections rather than the previous 12. We urge each section to think "outside the box"- for example, just because there were always fall conclaves does not mean your new conclave has to be in the fall.....Now is your chance to take the best traditions of the old sections and combine those with new ideas and create new traditions! Please also remember that we will be getting all new section designations.

We all have much to do. Included with this communication the information you have been waiting for...

So.....attached is:

1. **NEW Western Region Section/Lodge Assignments- EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR 2008 CONCLAVES.** There are 4 Sections that have conclaves this fall and the reorganization for them will take place at the end of their conclave. We are aware that means a few new sections will have to wait a bit as some of their new lodges have to complete conclaves. The Section designations on this page are temporary- they are NOT the designations you will end up with.
2. **Section Chiefs and their new Sections.** If you are a chief elected in 2008- which Section are you in?
3. **Section Adviser appointments.** We have communicated with all of our current section advisers prior to this announcement, so to prevent surprises. There are a few whose councils have been moved that will become associate advisers in their new section. We also have some new advisers already appointed where vacancies developed and names for the three remaining vacancies are with the Area Directors for selection approval and appointment. Those remaining three should be appointed within the next 10 days. We know we have not addressed the associate section advisers in every section. It will be important that each Section Adviser work with us to get your Associates approved and appointed.
4. The **Action Plan** for implementation.
5. Map of the new sections.

What do we do now?

1. If your section is one that all lodges have had their conclaves for 2008 then you are a new Section NOW. If even some of your lodges have to complete their 2008 conclave this fall then you need to wait for full reorganization until the completion of their conclave.
2. You need to confirm your Section vice Chief and Secretary. It is possible that you have more than one and if so they will share office until the next conclave and elections.
3. There are 2 Sections that need to elect new chiefs- please ensure before you do that you won't be affected by any elections held in the fall conclaves.
4. If your old section has any conclave finances that have not been finalized from your 2008 conclave you have to have that completed immediately.
5. The Area Directors will need to appoint or reappoint staff advisers for each and every section. Please work with your existing staff adviser until that time. If you do not have a staff adviser let us know and we will work with your Area Director to resolve the issue.
6. Review the Action Plan and begin working immediately on those items not yet complete.

We will schedule a conference call before the end of August for all Section Chiefs, Section Advisers, and Staff Advisers. At that time we will review all the processes involved and work through any unanswered questions. You will receive notice of this conference call shortly.

These changes are exciting and going to take the efforts of all of us to ensure that the transition goes smoothly. Let's have fun with it!

Thanks for everything you are doing!

Mark Hendricks  
Western Region Chief

Mike Bliss  
Region Chairman

John VanDreese  
Region Staff Adviser

# Sections - Western Region

Reg	Sec	Council Name	Lodge Name	Chcl #	City	St	2008 Memb	2007 Memb	Youth	Adult
W	A-1	Longs Peak	Kola	62	Greeley	CO	472	556	266	206
W	A-1	Central Wyoming	Tatokainyanka	638	Casper	WY	187	180	109	78
W	A-1	Black Hills Area	Crazy Horse	695	Rapid City	SD	47	69	21	26
W	A-1	Denver Area	Tahosa	61	Denver	CO	1432	1427	891	541
<b>A-1 Total</b>										
W	A-2	Pikes Peak	Ha-Kin-Skay-A-Ki	60	Colorado Springs	CO	2136	2232	1287	851
W	A-2	Rocky Mountain	Tupwee Gudas Gov Youchigutj Soovep	63	Pueblo	CO	701	786	449	252
W	A-2	Western Colorado	Mic-O-Say	64	Grand Junction	CO	104	131	48	56
<b>A-2 Total</b>										
<b>AREA A</b>										
W	B-1	Ore-Ida	Tukanica	106	Boise	ID	368	367	103	265
W	B-1	Grand Teton	Shunkah Mahneetu	107	Idaho Falls	ID	324	285	214	110
W	B-1	Snake River	Ma-I-Shu	111	Twin Falls	ID	109	146	92	17
W	B-1	Montana	Apoxky Aib	315	Great Falls	MT	350	415	230	120
<b>B-1 Total</b>										
W	B-2	Trapper Trails	Awaxaawe' Awachia	589	Ogden	UT	1151	1213	639	512
W	B-2	Great Salt Lake	El-Ku-Ta	590	Salt Lake City	UT	654	538	392	262
W	B-2	Utah National Parks	Tu-Cubin-Noonie	591	Orem	UT	853	909	469	384
<b>B-2 Total</b>										
<b>AREA B</b>										
W	C-1	Southern Sierra	Yowlumne	30	Bakersfield	CA	120	108	79	41
W	C-1	Los Angeles Area	Siwinis	33	Los Angeles	CA	371	360	221	150
W	C-1	Western Los Angeles County	Malibu	51	Van Nuys	CA	482	688	310	172
W	C-1	Los Padres	Chumash	53	Santa Barbara	CA	204	299	107	97
W	C-1	Ventura County	Topa Topa	57	Camarillo	CA	275	273	189	86
W	C-1	Verdugo Hills	Spe-Le-Yai	58	Glendale	CA	53	51	24	29
<b>C-1 Total</b>										
W	C-2	Orange County	Wiatava	39	Santa Ana	CA	1505	1779	930	575
W	C-2	San Gabriel Valley	Ta Tanka	40	Pasadena	CA	1269	1263	801	468
W	C-2	California Inland Empire	Cahuilla	45	Redlands	CA	435	426	256	179
<b>C-2 Total</b>										
<b>AREA C</b>										
W	D-1	Mount Baker	Sikhs Mox Lamonti	606	Everett	WA	393	307	218	175
W	D-1	Chief Seattle	T'Kope Kwiskwis	609	Seattle	WA	647	644	257	390
W	D-1	Great Alaska	Nanuk	610	Anchorage	AK	235	231	148	87
W	D-1	Pacific Harbors	Nisqually	612	Tacoma	WA	390	389	223	167
W	D-1	Midnight Sun	Toorntuk	696	Fairbanks	AK	77	42	44	33
<b>D-1 Total</b>										
W	D-2	Blue Mountain	Walamootkin	604	Kennewick	WA	1742	1613	890	852
W	D-2	Inland Northwest	Es-Katelgu	611	Spokane	WA	126	89	74	52
W	D-2	Grand Columbia	Tataiyja	614	Yakima	WA	386	373	231	155
<b>D-2 Total</b>										
W	D-3	Crater Lake	Lo La Qam Geela	491	Central Point	OR	724	643	415	309
W	D-3	Cascade Pacific	Wauna La-Mon'Tay	492	Portland	OR	237	236	122	115
W	D-3	Oregon Trail	Tsisqan	697	Eugene	OR	1975	1974	1225	750
<b>D-3 Total</b>										
<b>AREA D</b>										
W	E-1	Maui County	Maiuhia	102	Wailuku Maui	HI	5062	4928	2804	2258
W	E-1	Aloha	Na Mokupuni O Lawelawe	104	Honolulu	HI	50	49	29	21
W	E-1	Far East	Achpateuiny	803	APO	AP	350	320	206	144
<b>E-1 Total</b>										
W	E-2	Grand Canyon	Wipala Wiki	10	Phoenix	AZ	270	269	146	124
W	E-2	San Diego-Imperial	Tiwahe	49	San Diego	CA	670	638	381	289
W	E-2	Las Vegas Area	Nebagamon	328	Las Vegas	NV	427	425	243	184
<b>E-2 Total</b>										
W	E-3	Catalina	Papago	11	Tucson	AZ	2665	3223	1516	1149
W	E-3	Great Southwest	Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess	412	Albuquerque	NM	356	355	180	176
W	E-3	Conquistador	Kwahadi	413	Roswell	NM	589	585	304	285
W	E-3	Yucca	Gila	573	El Paso	TX	138	136	56	82
<b>E-3 Total</b>										
<b>AREA E</b>										
W	F-1	Redwood Empire	Orca	41	Santa Rosa	CA	1448	1439	714	734
W	F-1	Mt. Diablo Silverado	Ut-In Selica	23	Pleasant Hill	CA	4783	5300	2611	2172
W	F-1	Marin	Talako	35	San Rafael	CA	512	555	307	205
W	F-1	Golden Empire	Amangi Nacha	47	Sacramento	CA	131	112	90	41
W	F-1	Nevada Area	Tannu	329	Reno	NV	824	822	455	369
<b>F-1 Total</b>										
W	F-2	Alameda	Kaweah	22	Alameda	CA	1834	2149	1063	771
W	F-2	Monterey Bay Area	Esselen	122	Salinas	CA	40	60	25	15
W	F-2	Sequoia	Tah-Heetch	27	Fresno	CA	122	65	61	61
W	F-2	San Francisco Bay Area	Achewon Nimat	28	San Leandro	CA	329	315	158	171
W	F-2	Pacific Skyline	Ohlone	31	Foster City	CA	316	315	143	173
W	F-2	Santa Clara County	Miwok	55	San Jose	CA	251	181	118	133
W	F-2	Greater Yosemite	Toloma	59	Modesto	CA	365	349	225	140
W	F-2	Piedmont	Hungteetsepoppi	42	Piedmont	CA	290	301	137	153
<b>F-2 Total</b>										
<b>AREA F</b>										
<b>Grand Total</b>										
							1801	1653	909	892
							3635	3802	1972	1663
							23748	24705	13561	10187



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### REALIGNMENT SECTION CHIEFS

Mark Hendricks, Jake Wellman and Mike Bliss reviewed the status of the post-realignment Section Chiefs. Below is a list of the current Section Chiefs and which section he will be chief as part of the Realignment. Any Chief elected this year (2008) will continue to fulfill his term of office in his new section. We currently have no duplicate chiefs- IE situations where the realignment results in two section chiefs in the same section. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE STILL FOUR CONCLAVES TO COMPLETE THIS YEAR and pending those elections that situation could change. If a current chief has one of those 4 yet to be completed conclave, he will continue to serve as a chief in his old section until the conclave is complete.

If a Section is missing a Chief or other officers, they will hold a COC and elect a new officer per the Field Operations Guide requirements. It will be the responsibility of the chief and adviser to confirm current vice chief(s) and secretary(s) in a given section.

A1	David Harrell (Jayson Renforth Current W5B chief completes his term Aug 22)
A2	Needs a new chief
B1	Needs a new chief
B2	David Petersen
C1	Jack Chinn
C2	Jeremy Yamaguchi
D1	Sam Giacalone
D2	Trentin Ramsey
D3	Brian Gray Conclave and Elections in September
E1	Ted Dodson
E2	John Kondziolka Conclave and Elections in November
E3	Frederick Gross
F1	Randy Pares Conclave and Elections in September
F2	Daniel Salet



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## Region Realignment Section Advisers 8/14/2008

A1	Neil Gabriel
A2	Joan Armstrong
B1	John Jensen
B2	Ken Jeppeson
C1	Howard Kern
<b>C2</b>	<b><i>Pending Selection</i></b>
D1	Nick Spenserberger
D2	Peter Kruse
<b>D3</b>	<b><i>Pending Selection</i></b>
E1	Ed Chunn
E2	Tim Malaney
<b>E3</b>	<b><i>Pending Selection</i></b>
F1	Keith Coombs
F2	Mark Matthews

Note: Associate Section Advisers have been appointed for some of the sections and are pending selection in others. Those announcements will follow. It is recommended that each section have at least two associate section advisers.



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### 2008 Reorganization- Order of the Arrow Sections Action Plan

#### Recommendations and Decisions

- Region OA Chairman and Region Staff Adviser draft section alignments based on new Area configuration
- Section alignment proposal shared with and recommended to the Area Director
- Area Director makes final decision in consultation with Region OA Chairman and Region OA Staff Adviser

#### Communications

- Written documentation of Section configuration and plan shared with current Section and Lodge OA leadership
- Conference call with current Section Advisers and/or conference call with current Section Chiefs and possibly all Section Youth officers.
- Section Council of Chiefs by the Section Key Three Advisers and Section Staff Advisers
- Area Directors to appoint Section Advisers and Staff Advisers for each Section in his Area in consultation with and concurrence by the Region OA Chairman and the Region OA Staff Adviser
- Implementation immediately following the conclave for those Sections who hold conclaves in the fall. Immediately upon approval of plan for all other sections with complete reorganization no later than Dec 31, 2008.

#### Section Officers

- All officers will serve in the position in which they were elected in the new section that their home OA lodge is assigned. Their term of office will be until the next conclave.
- Sections that still need to complete their 2008 Conclave will proceed as planned with conclave. This includes normal elections with all current lodges participating. Youth from any lodge in the current section may run for office regardless of the status of their lodge at the end of the conclave. However, no youth shall use the reorganization as part of his platform for office and it is the responsibility of the Section adviser to ensure adherence to this

policy. At no time should the reorganization remove the opportunity for a youth to run for office or vote as provided in the Field Operations Guide.

- A special Council of Chiefs with appropriate advance notice will be held to elect officers for any vacant offices which may be caused by the reorganization. The process will be similar to filling a vacancy caused by election to a National office as provided by the Field Operations Guide. All elected Section Chiefs (through conclave election or the Council of Chiefs election) will be invited to Texas, may run for national office, and serve on a NOAC committee.
- In some cases sections will have co-chiefs, co-vice chiefs, and /or co-secretaries. They will share the duties in that capacity until the 2009 Section Conclave of the new sections.

#### Finance and Calendar

- The current Council of Chiefs will take inventory of Section supplies and equipment and develop a plan for appropriate and equitable distribution of the supplies or other consideration to the future section or sections.
- The Section leadership will be prudent in closing out ALL section finance accounts and funds in sufficient time to ensure compliance with the deadline.
- Remaining funds in section accounts will be distributed before December 31 to the newly reorganized and realigned sections based on the remaining funds being divided by the number of participants each lodge sent to the Section's 2008 Conclave.
- At the specially called Council of Chiefs- a date, service council, and service lodge will be confirmed or selected for the 2009 Section Conclave. A rotation plan for future years may also be discussed and decided if appropriate.
- All Sections that have completed their conclaves in the spring of 2008 are required to finalize any and all financial transactions for that conclave within 30 days.