

## NOAC 2015

Due to an unprecedented advanced overbooking of the national conference in the opening months, lodges were asked to limit adult attendance this year and placed a youth-to-adult ratio cap on all contingents. This restriction placed additional strain on the lodge as many adults were asked to stay home in order to accommodate as many youth as possible at this historic event.

As the lodge heads into the summer of 2015, a contingent of 130 Arrowmen will be traveling to Lansing Michigan, home of Michigan State University and this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Conference Theme is "It Starts with Us" setting the stage for the next century of Cheerful Service. A highlight of the conference is the fable red sashes that were created for this special event.

The contingent will be travelling in three tour buses and making side trips in route to and from NOAC at Cherokee, NC to see "Unto These Hills", Dollywood amusement park in Pigeon Forge, TN, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.

Some notable youth arrowmen from Echockotee Lodge that are serving on staff at NOAC: Austin Kriznar, Daniel Smith, Brandon Newell, Kyle Kipple, Aaron Pannell, Alex Leonard, & Luiz Velez. Nineteen arrowmen in total served on the NOAC Staff. Many of the contingent advisers served as provisional NOAC staff members in order to put on one of the most epic National Conferences to date.

Echockotee Lodge's Centennial booth theme for NOAC was based around the history of the lodge by recognizing the outstanding arrowmen and their contributions to the lodge and the Order of the Arrow. The booth was set up as an interactive display where participants can take the challenge to "*Come walk today where Dr. Goodman Walked .. And Strike \$ 100 Paydirt!*". The lodge arrived at MSU with a half-million dollars in Goodman Bucks to give away to all that visit the booth and walk where the Founder has walked. As a keepsake memento, the contingent collected soil from the front yard of the founder's last home and presented this in a sealed centennial container. To further commemorate the recent Goodman Treks a unique \$100 Urner bill was created with a brochure highlighting some of the events and history of the Founder in his time at Echockotee Lodge.