



July 30 - August 3, 2016
Indiana University — Bloomington, Indiana

NEXT: A NEW CENTURY

Contingent Reservation Information

This kit contains information on your council's initial reservation to attend the Order of the Arrow's 2016 national event, NEXT: A New Century. To secure space, each council must complete the online contingent reservation and pay the non-refundable \$100 per participant reservation deposit. No individual reservations will be accepted.

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All contingent and delegate registration will be accomplished using the National Order of the Arrow Event Registration System through the URL:

<https://registration.oa-bsa.org/>

Any required hard-copy forms will be produced during the online process.

Key Dates:

October 15, 2015	Registration Open
March 1, 2016	Contingent Deposits & Reservation Due
May 31, 2016	Contingent Late Fees Apply
May 31, 2016	Staff Assignments Complete
May 31, 2016	Staff Late Fees Apply

Important NEXT Information

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What's NEXT?

The 2016 national event, NEXT: A New Century, will be truly unlike anything the Order of the Arrow has ever seen. Youth leaders and key adults from across the nation will gather to learn, grow and be inspired about how they can be the driving force behind the Order's second century.

This hands-on, high-energy event will focus on membership, program and innovation at the local level, which will subsequently empower participants to return home and be powerful agents of change.

Attendees will experience model processes, comprised of best practices and innovative methods from around the country. Similarly, youth leaders

will be provided with feedback about current programs within their lodge and aided in brainstorming new ones.

Youth and adult leaders who attend will be able to work with Arrowmen from all across the country, providing a unique opportunity to discuss lodge operations and network.

Dates and Location

NEXT will begin with dinner on Saturday, July 30, and end after breakfast on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

All contingent registration will occur on Saturday, July 30. Delegates should plan to arrive no later than 2pm. **(Please note: No early arrival is available).**

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Attendance

All Arrowmen who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and have their council's approval, are eligible to participate in the 2016 NEXT.

All delegates must register as a member of a council contingent or be a member of the NEXT staff.

Each lodge is allowed to send up to three youth and two adult delegates. The three youth should include the lodge chief and the two adults should include the lodge adviser.

Lodges should be deliberate in selecting delegates to represent the lodge. In addition to the lodge chief and adviser, we seek the change agent or the up-and-coming leaders so when they return from NEXT with new ideas and concepts in mind, they'll be able to put them into action.

NOTE: Up to three leaders per section will also be invited to NEXT. The intent is to provide our section leadership the opportunity to attend without taking space in a lodge contingent.

New for NEXT, contingent members won't necessarily be housed together and delegates should expect to be housed with a delegate from another lodge within the same age group. Building new lasting relationships as well as sharing ideas and perspectives is an important component of the overall NEXT program and philosophy.

Every contingent must have two-deep adult leadership and abide by the policies established in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

NEXT Fee

The NEXT fee is \$375.00 for youth and adult delegates who pay their total conference fee by May 31, 2016. Fees paid after May 31, 2016 will be \$450.00 for youth and adult members. All late fees must be received by the OA director no later than June 30, 2016. The fee includes four nights housing, three full days of program and training, 11 meals, program and support materials, registration materials, insurance and recognition items during the five-day conference. The fee is payable in the following manner:

To secure the youth and adult spaces desired, each council must complete the online council contingent reservation. Your council will be billed for the nonrefundable deposit of \$100.00 per-delegate. No individual reservations will be accepted. **All council contingent reservations must be processed through the national online payment system website:**

<https://registration.oa-bsa.org>.

Councils will be billed the remainder of each delegate's fee in two installments: \$175 in February and \$100 in May of 2016.

Encourage adult Arrowmen in your council to establish a special fund to

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help youth delegates attend NEXT. Your council and Scouting will benefit for years to come.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

The \$100.00 per-person deposit is transferable to a substitute delegate **(youth for youth or adult for adult)** within the same council on a one-for-one basis but it is nonrefundable, and may not be applied to the balance due for another person. Contingents must maintain the same ratio of three youth and two adult delegates when transferring deposits. All requests for cancellation made in writing to the OA director by June 30, 2016 will receive a full refund of all fees minus their deposit amount of \$100.00. Delegates canceling their reservation after June 30, 2016 will forfeit their entire NEXT fee. (The director will consider refunds for medical reasons after June 30, 2016.)

National OA Committee

The National Order of the Arrow Committee will host and provide overall guidance and leadership to NEXT: A New Century.

Veteran Arrowmen from around the nation make up the national committee and bring to NEXT not only extensive Order of the Arrow and Scouting experience, but also years of experience in staging and administrating national events.

Clint Takeshita of Dublin, CA has been appointed NEXT chairman and will be assisted by deputies Glenn Ault, Andy Chapman and Chris Grove.

National OA Director Matt Dukeman will be the NEXT staff adviser.

Any additional questions that you may have regarding NEXT: A New Century may be directed to:

NEXT2016@oa-bsa.org.