

Friday Night Show

Getting all staff and attendees together on Friday night to welcome everyone to the Conclave, and provide important updates and announcements is crucial. This is also a great opportunity to set the tone of the weekend.

Objectives:

- Welcome all participants to the event
- Provide key updates/housekeeping items
- Introduce special guests

Tips/Resources:

Inspiration is the key ingredient of the conclave. The conclave should kick off with a welcome from the service council and a short opening ceremony. It is equally important that the conclave close with an inspirational challenge that will create a lasting impression on every Arrowman who attends. Youth leaders, such as the national chief, national vice chief, or region chief, might be invited to give an inspirational message during the conclave.

Opening and closing ceremonies always have played a vital role in Order of the Arrow traditions, and experience teaches that good ones:

- Are well-planned, adequately rehearsed, and properly presented;
- Focus on rededication to the Scouting ideals;
- Focus on rededication to the principles of the Order of the Arrow;
- Are impressive, dignified, simple, and brief;
- Are dramatic, inspiring, colorful, and sincere;
- Exclude horseplay and initiation-type activities;
- Avoid fraternal, religious, and military rituals; and
- Show proper respect for American Indian traditions.