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Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge #381 – Gateway Area Council

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INDUCTION WEEKEND – JUNE 4-6 AT CAMP DECORAH

We are planning to hold our first Induction weekend of the year on June 4-6. This Induction weekend will be an opportunity for our newly elected candidates and those from past years to complete their membership into the OA and our Lodge. All eligible candidates will receive a letter with full details as to what is needed for that weekend. This will also be a chance for all members wishing to complete their Brotherhood membership the chance to do their talks on Saturday afternoon and complete the ceremony that night. Those who wish are invited to stay Saturday night for some fun activities and fellowship on Sunday morning before heading for home at Noon.

Registration for the weekend can be completed online at gatewayscouting.org/OAInduction, by mailing or dropping off the form on the last page of the Smoke Signal to the Council Office in La Crosse, or by registering at Dahl Hall beginning at 8:00 PM on Friday night. Masks WILL be required. We will practice social distancing during the weekend, hand sanitizer will be available, and we are asking everyone to use and bring to camp their copy of the [14 day medical check form](#) (along with their [medical forms](#)). We appreciate everyone working together to make camp and our events safe and healthy.

Parents and friends are invited to watch the ceremonies and then stay for a steak dinner to celebrate the Induction of our new members. The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person.

ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO ALLOWED DURING THE CEREMONIES! You are permitted to take pictures after the ceremony has ended.

Calendar of Events

**June 4-6 Induction
Weekend at Camp
Decorah**

**July 11-17 Camp
Decorah Summer
Camp Week 1**

**July 18-24 Camp
Decorah Summer
Camp Week 2**

**July 25-31 Camp
Decorah Summer
Camp Week 3**

**Aug 20-22 Rendezvous
& Induction
Weekend at Camp
Decorah**

**Sept 17-19 Section C-1B
Conclave at Camp
Decorah**

BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Scout has been an Ordeal member at least 6 months since their Induction into the Order of the Arrow.
2. Has maintained registration in the Boy Scouts of America and is active and is current in their dues to the Order of the Arrow.
3. Has memorized the Obligation, OA song, Admonition, Arrow hand clasp, and sign of the Order.
4. Write a letter or take part in an oral Brotherhood talk to test your understanding of the Ordeal and to show why you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood.
5. If you write a letter – explain what you think the Obligation means. Describe how you are fulfilling the obligation in your unit in your daily life and how you have used this understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service to scouting and the lodge. Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the lodge and scouting.



Ordeal Candidates	\$50 youth or adult (includes steak dinner)
Members	\$15 for the weekend (includes steak dinner)
Brotherhood candidate	\$20 (includes steak dinner)
Guest	\$10 for steak dinner

SCHEDULE (TIMES AND DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!)**Friday, June 4**

7:30 PM	Registration of all members and candidates
8:00 PM	Spaghetti dinner for everyone
9:00 PM	Campfire and Pre-Ordeal begins
10:30 PM	For lodge members: cracker barrel

Saturday, June 5

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Ordeal/Service projects begin
Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Activities and Service projects continue
3:00 PM	Brotherhood talks
4:00 PM	Activities and projects end (Candidates clean up and put on uniforms)
4:00 PM	BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY
4:30 PM	Parent/Guest meeting in dining hall
5:15 PM	ORDEAL CEREMONY
6:45 PM	Steak dinner (distribution of books, patches, additional information)
8:00 PM	Fellowship—clean up—Homeward Bound!

Sunday, June 6

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Fun activities and fellowship
NOON	Homeward bound

LODGE DUES AND GOLDEN TICKET 2021

Your Lodge dues run by the calendar year. This means it is time for all of us to renew our dues in the lodge for 2021. **Dues are \$15.** You can register online at gatewayscouting.org/OADues or by filling out and mailing in the registration form on the last page of the Smoke Signal. It is

important that all members renew their dues to ensure our records are accurate and up to date, and that you receive all lodge notices and newsletters.



You may want to register to attend Lodge and Section events by buying a Golden Ticket!! For \$100, you get a unique annual Golden Ticket patch, and the fee covers the Induction Weekends, Section Conclave, and Sash Bash. You can register for a Golden Ticket online or by filling out and mailing the registration form on the last page of the SS. For those that bought a Golden Ticket in 2020, the 2021 Golden Ticket will be \$50 due to the cancelled events from last year.

Please take the time to renew your dues in the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge. We need all our members to keep our lodge strong and moving forward in the cheerful service of Scouting and the Order.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LODGE CEREMONY TEAM

We are looking for members who want to be a part of the Ceremonies Teams of the Lodge. Having good and impressive ceremonies is essential to the continued success of the OA. An impressive Call-Out or Ordeal/Brotherhood ceremony can leave a lasting memory that can inspire that member to greater service in their unit or in the Lodge. Being a part of the Ordeal or Brotherhood ceremony teams is an important job. We are looking for new members who want to learn how to be a part of those ceremonies and create impressive memories for our future lodge members.



If you would like to learn how to become a member of the Ordeal or Brotherhood ceremonies team, please contact one of the following youth members:

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AJ Adams at (608) 706-0877 or alexanderjadams@icloud.com

Pierce Nelson at (608) 797-2889 or 6pnellie@gmail.com

or ceremony adviser:

Alex Metry at (608) 769-6939 or alexandermetry@gmail.com

UNIT ELECTIONS

The National OA office has approved that Lodges can hold virtual unit elections into 2021. (In person elections are still allowed as well) Due to the cancellation of many events in scouting last year, scouts that are elected will have 24 months from the date of the election to complete their Ordeal. The following guidelines should be followed in order to conduct a virtual unit election:

- The Lodge and Council leadership must approve the unit conducting a virtual unit election.
- The unit leader must agree to hold the election.
- The Lodge Unit election team and the appropriate forms/videos must be able to be presented to unit members. (This assumes the use of some type of online meeting technology is being used)
- The unit leader should validate those eligible for the election. A means to confidentially collect votes for eligible members must be available and used. (NO OPEN VOTE COUNTING IS ALLOWED)
- Conduct the election in accordance with the Ordeal election process.
- Results of the election must be recorded and turned in so further communication with the candidates can occur at a later date regarding their Induction weekend.
- Lodge and Council leadership will work together to choose a call out ceremony date.



Units that decide to do a virtual or in person meeting election, please contact Unit Election Adviser Harvey Geary at (608) 792-4144 or hgearyjr@gmail.com, Lodge Chief AJ Adams at (608) 706-0877 or alexanderjadams@icloud.com, or Lodge Chief Pierce Nelson at (608) 797-2889 or 6pnellie@gmail.com.

COVID 19 UPDATE

The Gateway Area Council and the Order of the Arrow continue to monitor the evolving situation regarding COVID-19, or commonly called the coronavirus. As always, the safety of all scouts, volunteers, members, advisers, and council employees is the top priority. We will all be following the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local governments, and the National Boy Scout and Order of the Arrow Office. Local scouting will do its part to minimize the spread of the coronavirus in our area. The Council has outlined an Action Plan as we move forward together facing this disease.

SECTION CONCLAVE 2021 – SEPTEMBER 17-19

The Section C-1B Conclave will be held at Camp Decorah on September 17 - 19, 2021. Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge will be co-hosting the conclave with Blue Ox Lodge from Rochester. Planning has begun for this fun “Arrow Games” themed event. We anticipate 100-200 Arrowmen from the five lodges that make up our Section to come together for a weekend of fun, fellowship, activities, games, training, section officer elections, and great scouting memories. We need everyone to mark your calendars to help and be a part of this great OA event showing our pride in Camp Decorah and the spirit of the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge! Cost is \$35.

Friday, September 17

- 6:00 PM Check in begins
 (NST will escort lodge contingents to their campsites)
 8:00 PM Open games, meet and greet, etc.
 9:30 PM Welcome and opening show
 10:30 PM COC meeting, lodges to their campsites

Saturday, September 18

- 7:00 AM Check in
 7:20 AM Flag ceremony
 7:30 AM Breakfast in Dahl hall
 9:00 AM Morning round robin of training activities begin
 Noon Lunch in Dahl hall
 1:00 PM Afternoon events and activities
 5:30 PM Flag ceremony
 5:45 PM Dinner in Dahl hall
 7:00 PM Chapel, Section Elections, Closing
 Campfire, Party for everyone
 11:00 PM Participants to campsites

Sunday, September 19

- 7:20 AM Flag ceremony
 7:30 AM Breakfast
 8:30 AM Awards, recognitions, closing remarks
 9:00 AM Conference ends. Safe trip home

**Program includes:**

Capture the Flag
 Ultimate Frisbee
 Gaga Ball
 Kick Ball
 Nintendo Switch/Wii
 Cornhole
 Cook Off
 Shooting Sports
 Patch Trading
 Knot Tying
 Fire Building
 Zip Line
and so much more!!

SECTION CONCLAVE AT CAMP DECORAH (CONTINUED)

This is a great opportunity for the Ni-Sanak-Lodge to showcase Camp Decorah and our council, along with giving every one of our members a chance to take part in a weekend of fun, fellowship, events, activities, and learning, along with Arrowmen from four other lodges. We need all our members help to make this conference a memorable success. Mark your calendars now to attend our Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah on September 17 - 19. Find more info and register on the Section's website here: central.oa-bsa.org/c1b/conclave

SUMMER CAMP 2021

Kelly Wilde and Shelly Rademan will be back at Camp Decorah this summer as Camp and Program Directors, along with a great staff including many of the same staff members from last year. Camp will be offering units a fantastic summer program, and the OA will be a part of providing our scouts more scouting memories that will last a lifetime. The lodge will be a part of the program by offering ice cream socials, unit elections, call out ceremonies, promotions, OA Day, and other activities.

We are still looking for counselors in training (CIT's). Any scout 14 years of age can apply to be part of this year's camp staff. Full info and applications are available online or at the council office.

Summer Camp Session 1	July 11 - 17
Summer Camp Session 2	July 18 - 24
Summer Camp Session 3	July 25 - 31

**BEAVER DAY RECAP**

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Beaver Day. 40 scouts came out to Camp Decorah and worked on projects that will help get Camp ready for our 2021 camping season. At the end of the day, the Director's Cabin has a new metal roof, a new hammock camping area was built in Lenape campsite, fencing was fixed and replaced, Dahl Hall lights were replaced, spars were created for Scoutcraft from red pine treetops, and



camp site and trail cleanup took place. A lot of great work completed. But remember you can come out to camp any weekend to do some service to the camp. Joel has a list of projects we can all work on to make camp ready for all campers and visitors to Camp Decorah.

BEAVER DAY PHOTOS

See some of the improvement projects completed at camp at Beaver Day below:



New roof added to Director's Cabin.



Steps replaced in front of Trading Post.



Hammock camping area added to Lenape campsite.



Lighting improvements completed in the kitchen of Dahl Dining Hall.

UPCOMING DATES FOR NATIONAL EVENTS

Central Region Training

May 7 - 9	NLS/DYLC	London, OH
May 21 - 23	NLS/DYLC	Kansas City, KS
October 15 - 17	NLS/DYLC	Grass Lake, MI

OA High Adventure

June 2 - August 4	OA Ocean Adventure	Florida Sea Base
June 8 - August 17	OA Trail Crew	Philmont Scout Ranch
June 9 - August 18	OA Canadian Odyssey	Northern Tier
June 9 - August 18	OA Wilderness Voyage	Northern Tier
June 13 - August 1	OA Summit Experience	Summit Bechtel Reserve

STAY CONNECTED

Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge also has social media accounts, including Facebook and Instagram pages, to keep you in the know! You can find both by searching for NST381 or by going to facebook.com/nst381 or instagram.com/nst.381. We also keep our website updated with information on all upcoming events at gatewayscouting.org/OA.



Want to get electronic notices from the lodge for all events and viewing the latest Smoke Signal online?? Sign up to get email notices from the lodge at: remind.com/join/nstm or get SMS text messages by texting '@nstm' to 81010. (Message and data rates from your carrier might apply)



NOAC 2022



The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 25 – 30, 2022 at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville. NST will be putting together a contingent to attend next year's event. The week-long event brings thousands of Arrowmen from around the nation and other countries together for training, activities, programs, ceremonies, museums, swimming, camping displays, arena shows, special guests, athletic competitions, Native American dancing and singing, Goodman games, patch trading, arrow fair, and the chance to feel the spirit of Order of the Arrow that will give you memories for the rest of your life. We stay in the dorms of the campus, eat in the school food service areas, attend shows in the campus arena, and see special events and entertainment. Now is the time to start thinking about joining our contingent to attend the greatest conference the Order of the Arrow has to offer. More detailed information will be coming out soon.

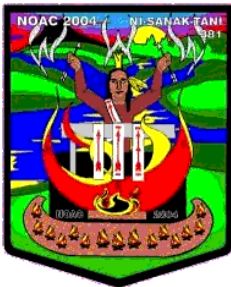
PATCH DESIGN

Help design a patch for Ni-Sanak-Tani! The lodge is planning to create a 2022 NOAC flap set. Submit your idea to the Scout Office, attn: OA, or email to Alex Metry at alexandermetry@gmail.com. See the information on patch requirements below.

"Flap" Design *REQUIRES*:

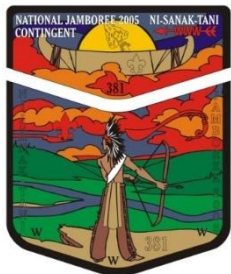
- a. Either "BSA" or the Fleur-de-lis (the better it is hidden, the neater the design... look over NOAC Chief's right shoulder).
- b. The NST Totem (Canoe); some designs include the old Braves of Decorah Totem (spoon).
- c. "Ni-Sanak-Tani" and "381"
Optional, but highly encouraged:
- d. "WWW" or "<-WWW-<<<" arrow
- e. Event Name and Year
- f. Space and placement for "Contingent" legend

Design can be either the Flap-alone, or the Flap/Pocket combination. If a combination, each part needs the Lodge Number "381" (and Event Name/Year) so it can be identified if separated from its other piece(s).

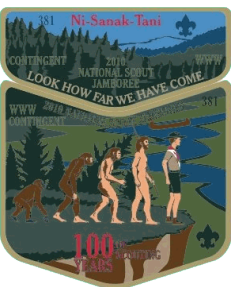


Design should be colorful, but the more threads the pricier it is. As a gauge, the NOAC 2004 example is 13 colors, the Jambo 2010 set is 9 colors, and the Jambo 2013 set is 10 colors. Use of Photo chromatic (changes in sunlight) or GlowInTheDark threads add 15% to the overall cost but can be effective!

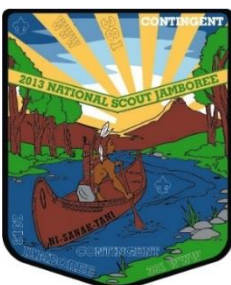
Describe multiple versions, e.g., Ghost/Blood/Night (all one thread color, white/red/black, but patterns and stitch orientation reveals the design!), and distinction(s) between Contingent (gold border) and Traders (black border).



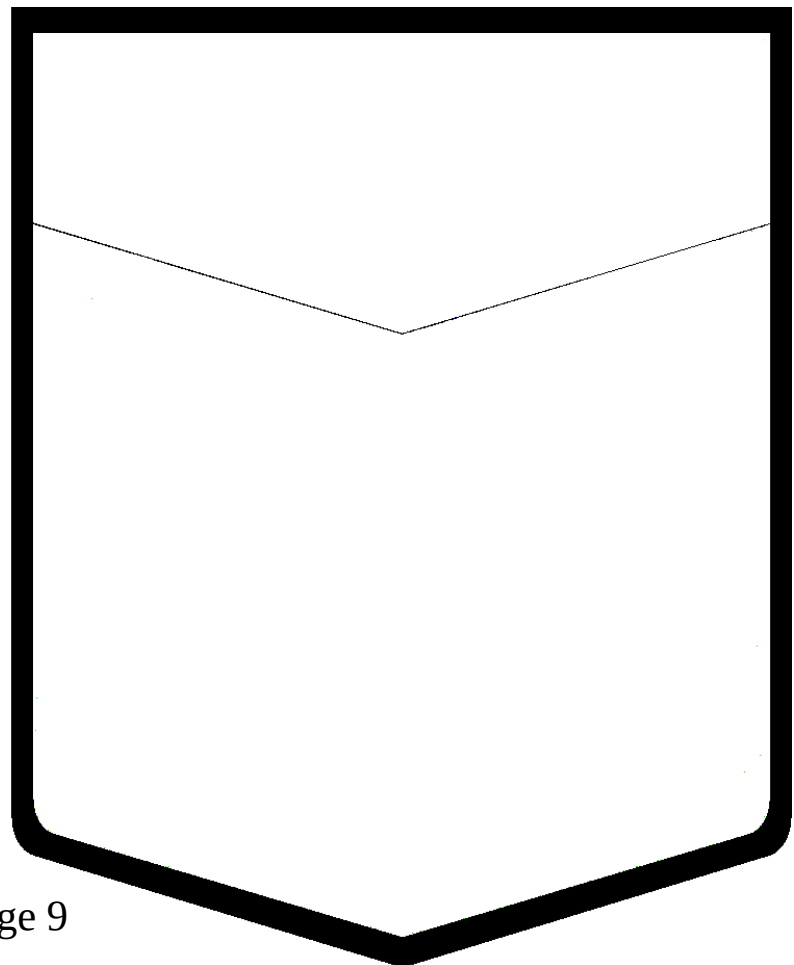
Merrow (edge stitching) can edge every piece (Jambo 2010), or the design can be "seamless" across the parts (NOAC 2004).



For the NOAC flap set, the design must be exactly the shape of the pocket/flap. No extra shapes. For a segment patch, the shape of the patches when put together can vary. For example, the last segment patch in 2009 was the shape of a Native American in a canoe.



>>Can't draw well?... scratch it out, even black & white, and write up a description. The patch company art department will clean it up for us.



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OA TROOP REPS AND ADVISERS

All Troops with Arrowmen should have a youth OA Troop Representative.



The OA Troop Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster Designee) is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created. Its purpose is to create the role for an adult to guide the youth TR and be a 'voice of the Order' at the adult level in the troop structure.

If you do not know who your OA Troop Rep is, chances are your troop may not have one.

Ask your Scoutmaster and have him submit the form detailing your contact information. The ELECTION/Troop REP form is even available online, to make it easier and less painful. By submitting the form, we will get you a Troop Rep/Adviser patch, FOR FREE... limit 1 per troop per year.

Plus, each troop needs an adult Arrowman as Troop Rep Adviser on the Troop Committee.

Ni-Sanak-Tani-Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Troop/Crew _____

	Qty:	Cost:	Total
<u>Dues:</u> (Please include list of names being paid for)			
Youth (under 21 on Jan 1 of that year)	_____	@\$15= _____	***DY
Adult	_____	@ \$15= _____	***DA
Crew 381 B.S.A. Registration (if not registered elsewhere)	_____	@\$36= _____	***DR
GOLDEN TICKET	_____	@\$100 = _____	***GT
Discounted Golden Ticket for Those with 2020 GT	_____	@\$50 = _____	***GT



Includes Unique Patch and the following events: Inductions, Fall Rendezvous, Section Conclave, and Sash Bash

Transportation Not Included

Due to cancelled events in 2020, those who purchased a GT in 2020 can purchase a 2021 GT for \$50.

INDUCTION WEEKENDS (Check which weekend attending)**June Induction Weekend** (June 4-6, 2021)**Rendezvous & Induction Weekend** (Aug 20-22, 2021)

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New Candidates (Youth & Adult)	_____	@\$50	_____	***O

Current Arrowmen

Weekend	_____	@\$15	_____	***O
Brotherhood	_____	@\$20	_____	***O
Steak Dinner (guests)	_____	@\$10	_____	***O

Section C-1B Conclave (September 17-19, 2021)

After Monday, Sep 6 \$5 Late fee

_____	@\$35	_____	***SC
_____	@\$5	_____	

Total Enclosed _____

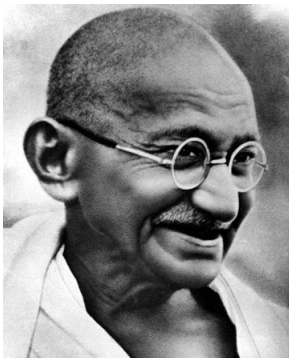
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“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Upcoming Events:

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Aug 20-22	August Induction Weekend at Camp Decorah
Sept 17-19	Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah

For More Lodge News and Information Go To:

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NST Instagram:	instagram.com/nst.381
Section C-1B:	sectionc1b.org
Central Region:	central.oa-bsa.org