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AUGUST INDUCTION WEEKEND RECAP

This year's August Induction Weekend was a great event for our lodge, despite the precautions and restrictions we observed due to the coronavirus. Our weekend began with the Pre-Ordeal ceremony in the OA Bowl, in addition to a Brotherhood ceremony afterwards. We also began our Vigil ceremony on Friday night. Saturday was a full day which included building a set of steps on the hill next to the Swimming Pool building and clearing trails of fallen trees and branches from the recent storms. Parents and guests came to camp and learned about the Order of the Arrow and our lodge, and then witnessed the ceremonies in the council firebowl before everyone enjoyed a steak dinner in the dining hall. The Lodge was honored to welcome 8 new Ordeal Members, 4 new Brotherhood members and 2 new Vigil members.



Calendar of Events

Nov/Dec Date TBD
Sash Bash

Jan 8 Lodge Winter
Banquet and
Officer Elections

Jan 28-30 Winter
Council of Chiefs
at the Kalahari

Feb 5 Merit Badge Day

June 3-4 Induction
Weekend at Camp
Decorah

July 25-30 NOAC at the
University of
Tennessee –
Knoxville

CONGRATULATIONS again to our newly inducted Ordeal members, plus our new Brotherhood and Vigil members!!!

ORDEAL MEMBERS

Ian Hronis
Adam Anderson
Jackson Perkins
Seth Gadbois
Christopher Loyd
Benjamin Loyd
Noah Groves
Patrick Zalewski

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

Karissa Adams
Caden Justinger
Andrew Hatcher
Carson Nelson

VIGIL MEMBERS

AJ Adams
Pierce Nelson





SECTION C-1B CONCLAVE RECAP AT CAMP DECORAH



Camp Decorah was the proud host for the 2021 Section C-1B Conclave. After cancelling our in-person event last year, it was a special feeling to have 150 Arrowmen from the five lodges come together at camp and begin a weekend of fun, fellowship, learning, elections, games, competition, and the sharing of the OA spirit. This year's theme was "ARROW GAMES". Lodges competed in events like two-man saw, canoe relay, egg toss, compass relay, shooting sports, and first aid. The open program featured several special presentations for Arrowmen to experience. These included: our own Sam Patschull doing a session on balloon creations, the Gateway Area Council/OA Museum in Hagerman Hall, Scott's Tennessee Battery (a Civil War Reenactment group), zipline, WisCorps' Critter/Reptile mobile, River Valley Raptors, La Crosse Area Astronomical Society, and a special presentation on the History of the Lenni Lenape Nation and its ties to Wisconsin and the Order of the Arrow by Mr. Nik Meirs and Mr. Greg Wilson (direct descendant of Uncas). There was also the Section Museum,

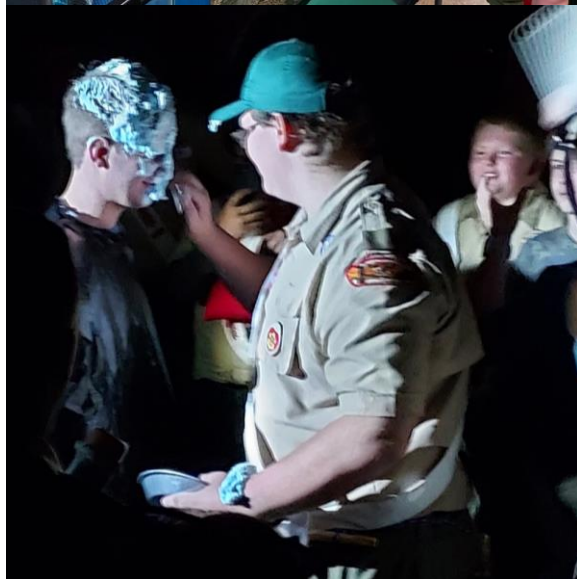


trading post, patch trading, fellowship, cracker barrels, root beer floats, Section Officer elections, pie in the face contest won by our own Alex Metry, 9 square, tug of war, gaga ball, corn hole, ladder ball, and a fantastic Thanksgiving-style turkey dinner!!!

Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge can be very proud of our participation in this conclave and how we co-hosted it with Blue Ox Lodge. So many people helped before, during, and after the event to make it happen and a success. We cannot say thank you enough to all the Scouters and Lodge Members who took the time to come to Camp Decorah and show the other councils the spirit we have and how we live the OA mission of being unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

It is possible that we will not host another Conclave for many years, due to the upcoming realignment of Sections and Regions. The fact remains we hosted a great Section Conclave, it is in the history books, and we are honored to have held the 2021 Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah.







NOAC 2022

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 25-30, 2022, at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. Our contingent will join over 9,000 other Arrowmen from around the country and world for a full week of training, program, activities, and memories. The event is considered one of Scouting's "once in a lifetime event".

We will be staying in the air conditioned UTK dorms, eating at the university food services, attending arena shows in the UTK arena, and using the university's classrooms, buildings, and facilities. There will be programs in leadership development, lodge operations, officer training, event planning, finance, activity development, ceremonies, keeping members engaged, and a full schedule of Native American culture, skills, history, regalia creation, and dancing.

There are competitions, athletic events, ceremonies, cooking, Native American dancing and singing, the OA history museum, swimming, scuba, camping displays, patch trading, Goodman games, the Outdoor Adventure Place, and outdoor fair. There are opportunities to meet National officers and special guests, perform service projects, attend the evening arena shows, and meet and make friends with Arrowmen from around the country and the world. For event more information on NOAC, go to NOAC2022.org.

Currently, the registration cost for NOAC is \$575, which we want to submit to National by December 31. This is the early discounted cost. This DOES NOT INCLUDE our contingent travel cost. We are estimating the total cost could be \$800 which includes the registration fee, all meals, transportation, contingent shirts, special activities, and lodging. We are exploring stops at the Indianapolis 500 Museum, Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville Slugger Museum, and an MLB baseball game.

To be a member of our Contingent going to NOAC, we NEED you to register online at gatewayscouting.org/NOAC2022 or send in the registration form included in this Smoke Signal to Gateway Area Council Office, 2600 Quarry Rd, La Crosse, WI 54601. We need a \$100 deposit with your registration form. We are putting together a full payment plan schedule. Our goal will be to pay the \$575 to National by the end of the year, and the rest later in 2022. We will have full information on our payment schedule and plan soon.





IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT 2022 CAMP DECORAH SUMMER CAMP STAFF!!!

Camp Decorah just finished a very successful camp season, and the excitement is high for next year's season. Any scout 14 years of age or older can apply for one of the 25 staff positions available for the 2022 camping season.

Staff members live at camp in staff cabins, get three meals a day, teach merit badges, give leadership to activities, plan programs, do skits, instruct campers of all ages, make new friends, and most important, influence lives!!! We will have an OA coordinator on staff next year who will be responsible for coordinating OA ceremonies, conducting unit elections, facilitating Brotherhood talks, planning the ice cream social, OA day at camp, the call out ceremony, and the promotion of the Order of the Arrow and our Lodge to all people attending camp.

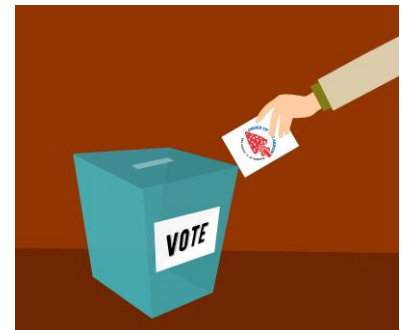


Information on all staff positions and application forms are available on the Gateway Area Council website at gatewayscouting.org/SBSASummerCamps

LODGE ELECTIONS – JANUARY 8, 2022

Would You Consider Running to be an Officer in Our Lodge?

Lodge elections will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, after our Winter Banquet. We will be electing FIVE officers to lead our Lodge. Those positions will be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Administration, Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Lodge Vice Chief of Finance, and Lodge Vice Chief of Communications.



Those running for election must be registered in Scouting and be active members of the Lodge, under the age of 21. Officers are elected by the members of the Lodge and serve for one year from January 2022 through January 2023. Want to think about running for one of our Lodge positions or consider serving as a CHAPTER CHIEF for your district. Nominations and election will take place at the Winter Banquet. You will be asked to give a short speech to the Arrowmen about yourself and why you want to run for the position.

Lodge Officer Responsibilities

Lodge Chief

1. Responsible for the adherence of the Lodge to the policies of the Order of the Arrow as set forth by the National Committee.
2. Sets agendas and presides over all Lodge Executive Committee and general membership meetings, which includes Ordeal Weekends, Wing Ding, Rendezvous, Spook-o-Ree, Lodge Banquet, Conclave, Council Meetings, etc.
3. Provides training and advice to officers and committee chairmen.
4. With the help of the advisors, appoints committee chairmen for all committees. Is responsible to see that each committee is properly functioning.
5. Oversees the performance of the Vice Chiefs of Finance, Ceremonies, Administrative, and Communications.
6. With the help of the vice chiefs, sets and works on Lodge goals and achievements. Monitors all committees throughout the year to ensure reports are kept on whether goals have been achieved.
7. Presents the lodge annual report to the Council by December 31 of each year.
8. Creates, oversees, and coordinates special committees as needed, with the aid of the advisors.
9. Represents the lodge at all Section Council of Chiefs meetings, council Executive Board meetings, and Council Camping Committee meetings.
10. Oversees the performance of District Chapter Chiefs and their programs.
11. Helps create and monitor camp promotions, troop elections, promotions, etc.
12. Responsible for overseeing the maintaining of the Lodge Operations Guide, Lodge handbook, and proposing of amendments to the lodge rules.
13. Additional duties as outlined in the latest edition of the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK, or by the Gateway Area Council.
14. Sets the example by attending lodge events, chapter events, council events, regional events in proper uniform.

Vice Chief of Administration

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for the program and promotion of the Lodge and ideals of the Order.
2. Is responsible for helping to keep accurate and up to date memberships records, both active and inactive.
3. Will help with transfers, dues notices, drop notices, Brotherhood and Vigil eligibility notices and records.
4. Will make membership reports at meetings and banquets.
5. Will help with Smoke Signal articles and publication of the Lodge handbook, etc.
6. Will hand out and record distribution of registration cards and books to all candidates and members.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, Advisors, or Executive Committee.

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

1. In consultation with the Lodge chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for the troop elections, and Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies.
2. Will help form, and with help of advisors, train ceremonies teams to conduct ceremonies throughout the year.
3. Help with units' elections, call out ceremonies, and Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil inductions.
4. Helps with the annual budget for the lodge.
5. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
6. Plan, research, and organize purchase of new ceremony regalia which includes head dresses, costumes, ceremony books, sand paintings, etc.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge chief, Advisors, or the Executive Committee.

Lodge Officer Responsibilities (Continued)

Vice Chief of Finance

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for keeping accurate and itemized record for all income and expenses of the Lodge.
2. Helps prepare the annual budget for the Lodge.
3. Presents audits for all necessary records of monies received and spent throughout the year.
4. Responsible for records pertaining to all lodge items in stock, ordered, sold at the council office, lodge events, or camp.
5. Works with administration for records of active and inactive members.
6. Will help with Smoke Signal articles and publications.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, Advisers, or Executive Committee.

Vice Chief of Communication

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for the Smoke Signal, social media posts, and candidate letters for the lodge.
2. Helps create and administer social media sites, web sites, and any communication going out to membership, council, or section.
3. Responsible for records of comments, and updates to sites.
4. Helps with the annual budget for the Lodge.
5. Will make an annual report to the lodge and the council.
6. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, Advisers, or the Executive Committee.

Chapter Chief

1. Serves on LEC committee for the lodge.
2. Promotes Unit elections and camp attendance in the district.
3. Makes OA announcements at council roundtables.
4. Tries to be available to run unit elections for units in their district.
5. Promotes OA events and activities in the district.
6. Is responsible for all duties delegates by the Lodge Chief, Advisers, or the Executive Committee.

OKTOBERFEST PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER RECAP

The lodge had a successful fundraising effort during the Oktoberfest weekend as we manned the parking lot at the Landmark by the Rivers Apartment Building on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2. Through the efforts of Jack, Peter, Toby, AJ, Harvey, Karissa, Mark, Alex, and Glenn, the lodge was able to earn over \$2,000, which will help us replace our current regalia, be used for training, and for our future lodge events. A great effort by everyone. Thank you very much. We plan to make a few changes for 2022, but this event has proven to be a great fundraiser for us and is helping the lodge to build new relationships with the fest goers and surrounding businesses.



GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL 100TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPOREE

May 6-8, 2022, at Camp Decorah

All scouts and units will be invited to be a part of the council's 100th anniversary celebration which will feature activities, events, awards, special guests, campfire, and camping for all people of all ages. This will be a chance to bring the Scouting Handbooks alive, so everyone can see what Scouting is and what it has to offer our youth and adults. Planning is now taking place, and soon full information on this event will be coming out to all units.

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)



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:

Jaden Schindler at (608) 881-2716 or jadenschindler22@gmail.com

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



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Ranger Corp	Joel Thole	608-385-4453	joelthole@gmail.com

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



Includes Unique Patch and the following events: Inductions, Fall Rendezvous, Section Conclave, and Sash Bash
Transportation Not Included

INDUCTION WEEKENDS (Check which weekend attending)**June Induction Weekend** (June 3-4, 2022) _____**August Induction Weekend** (Aug Dates TBD) _____

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New Candidates (Youth & Adult) _____

FREE _____ ***O

@ \$50 _____ ***O

Current Arrowmen

Weekend _____

Brotherhood (Ceremony Only) _____

Brotherhood (Ceremony & Weekend) _____

Steak Dinner (Guests) _____

@ \$15 _____ ***O

@ \$20 _____ ***O

@ \$35 _____ ***O

@ \$10 _____ ***O

Section C-1B Conclave (September 16-18, 2022) _____**at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation****After Monday, Sep 5 \$5 Late fee** _____

@ \$35 _____ ***SC

@ \$5 _____

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

NOAC Deposit _____

@ \$100 _____

Total Enclosed _____

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**“Of all the paths you take in life,
make sure a few of them are dirt.”**

— John Muir

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 16 Spook-o-Ree Snack Shack
- Jan 8 Lodge Annual Winter Banquet and Officer Elections
- Jan 28-30 Winter Council of Chiefs at the Kalahari
- Feb 5 Merit Badge Day
- June 3-4 June Induction Weekend
- July 25-30 NOAC at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville
- Aug 12-13 August Induction Weekend
- Sep 16-18 Section C-1B Conclave at Tesomas Scout Camp

For More Lodge News and Information, Go To:

- Ni-Sanak-Tani: ni-sanak-tani.org
- NST Facebook: facebook.com/nst381
- NST Instagram: instagram.com/nst.381
- Section C-1B: sectionc1b.org
- Central Region: central.oa-bsa.org