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

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JUNE INDUCTION DAYS

We are holding our first Ordeal and Brotherhood Inductions for 2022 on **Thursday, June 9 to Friday, June 10.**

Because of conflicts, we are holding our Ordeal and Brotherhood Inductions on Thursday and Friday vs. the weekend. This is the opportunity for our newly elected candidates and those from past elections to complete their Induction into the OA and for Brotherhood candidates to do their talks and complete their ceremony on Friday night.

Registration for the Induction can be completed online at gatewayscouting.org/OAInduction. If you have any questions about this process, please look at Page 11 of the newsletter and read the online registration article.

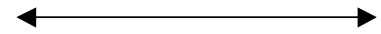
Parents and friends are invited to watch the ceremonies and then stay for a steak dinner to celebrate the Inductions of our new members. The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person.

NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO ALLOWED DURING THE CEREMONY! You are permitted to take pictures after the ceremony is finished.

Masks are recommended and we encourage social distancing.



Calendar of Events



June 9-10 OA
Inductions at
Camp Decorah

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

Aug 19-20 OA
Inductions at
Camp Decorah

Sept 18-20 Section G10
Conclave at
Crystal Lake
Scout Reservation



JUNE INDUCTION - SCHEDULE AND DETAILS:

Thursday, June 9

- 8:00 PM Registration begins
- 8:00 PM Spaghetti dinner for everyone in Dahl Dining Hall
- 9:30 PM Pre-Ordeal Ceremony begins
- 10:30 PM Cracker Barrel in Dahl Dining Hall



Friday, June 10

- 8:00 AM Breakfast for members in Dahl Dining Hall
- 9:00 AM Ordeal/Service projects for camp begin
- NOON Lunch for members at Dahl Dining Hall
- 1:00 PM Ordeal/Service projects continue
- 3:00 PM Brotherhood talks
- 3:30 PM Service projects end for the day
Candidates can clean up and put on uniforms
- 3:45 PM Parents for Brotherhood ceremony escorted to bowl
- 4:00 PM Parent/Guest/Candidate meeting in Dahl Dining Hall
- 4:00 PM BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY
- 4:45 PM Parents for Ordeal ceremony escorted to bowl
- 5:00 PM ORDEAL CEREMONY
- 6:30 PM Steak dinner for everyone in Dahl Dining Hall
Distribution of patches, books, and other info
- 8:00 PM Fellowship/cleanup and homeward bound



BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Scout has been an Ordeal member at least 6 months since their induction into the Order of the Arrow.
2. Scout has maintained registration in the Boy Scouts of America, is active and is current in their dues to the Order of the Arrow.
3. Has memorized the Obligation, OA official song, Admonition, Arrow hand clasp, and the sign of the Order.
4. Either write a letter or take part in an oral Brotherhood talk prior to the ceremony to test your understanding of the Ordeal and to show why you feel you are prepared to become a Brotherhood member of the lodge.
5. If you write a letter, explain what you think the Obligation means. Describe how you are fulfilling the obligation in your unit or Scouting 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 service to Scouting and the lodge.



BOWLING FUN DAY AT GALE'S LANES RECAP

Our second lodge fun event of 2022 took place on April 3 at Gale's Lanes in Galesville. A total of 20 people including OA members, family, and friends bowled a total of 62 games and shared 12 pizzas and pitchers of soda. Everyone had a great time. The lodge donated \$62 to the Camp Decorah fund which is part of Gale's Lanes' fundraiser to help camp. They are donating \$1 for every game bowled on Sundays in May to camp. Because it was such a success, we have voted to repeat this event again in 2023.



SECTION G10 CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING AT CAMP TESOMAS RECAP

Our Spring Council of Chiefs meeting was held at Camp Tesomas in Rhinelander on March 25-27. Members from all 5 lodges attended the meeting to finalize plans for the 2022 G10 Section Conclave that will be held on September 25 to 27, at Camp Tesomas. The Conclave tagline is “This Section Ain’t Big Enough for the Five of Us” to signify the change from Section C-1B to Section G10. The weekend will be filled with training, programs, activities, elections, patches, and more! We will be promoting our lodge attending the conclave throughout the summer. Registration will be online. Look forward to more details about this fun event coming out soon!



OA LODGE MEMBERS PROVIDE HELP AT GOLDEN EAGLE GALA AND RECOGNITION DINNER

Providing Cheerful Service is one line in our OA Obligation. As part of this service, our members helped with various duties at the Golden Eagle Gala on February 23 and the Council Recognition Dinner on March 29. Lodge members helped as greeters, assisted with the auction, performed flag ceremonies, gave directions, and were escorts. All a part of supporting Scouting, the Council, and the mission of the Order of the Arrow.



GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN THE COULEE REGION

The Gateway Area Council celebrated 100 years of Scouting in our area in May! The weekend of celebration started on Friday night, May 6 at the La Crosse Center with the awarding of the Distinguished Eagle Scout award to former astronaut Mark Lee. Mark explained how his participation in Scouting as a child formed a solid foundation for his life. Mark earned his Eagle Scout and religious award and is also a member of the OA. He later went to the Air Force Academy and became an astronaut, flying on four space shuttle missions. The evening also included Gene "Topper" Hagerman as the honorable host, who is the youngest son of Sam and Betty Hagerman. Topper explained why Scouting is so important to him and what it meant to live and grow up at Camp Decorah as a child. The evening was full of awards, recognitions, stories, memories, and a perfect start to the anniversary weekend. The lodge showed cheerful service as greeters for all guests and Scouters and by presenting the colors. Karissa also gave a commentary as part of the 2022 Eagle Scout class.



100TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPOREE AT CAMP DECORAH

Camp Decorah on Saturday, May 7 brought the Scout handbooks to life with the camp full of activities, events, challenges, special guests, history, memories, awards, skits, cheers, and all levels of Scouting spirit! Scouts and guests used a passport to travel around camp and see and do many things they may have never done before. From the museum in Hagerman Hall, to the time capsule, fishing, shooting sports, Dutch oven cooking, compass challenges, nature, blacksmithing, leatherworking, fire department training, a flight simulator, mini submarines, raptors, reptiles, monkey bridges, rockets, cooking, camp site displays, and looking at Saturn's rings, Scouts and Scouters stayed busy with a large variety of different activities. The evening culminated with a campfire with skits, awards, recognitions, and the lodge did a Call-Out Ceremony for our newly elected Ordeal candidates. Afterwards, the lodge held an ice cream social at the Dahl Dining Hall for all the Scouts staying overnight at camp. It was a wonderful event to recognize the first 100 years of Scouting in the Gateway Area Council and the start of the next 100 years!



CENTENNIAL CAMPOREE PHOTOS



BEAVER DAYS AT CAMP DECORAH RECAP

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to camp and participated in the Beaver Days Weekend. Over the two days, 60 plus people came out and worked on projects that will help get camp ready for our 100th anniversary and the summer camp season. People worked on clearing limbs and debris from trails, roads, and campsites from the recent logging operation, fixed steps along the trails, fixed fences, chipped wood for trails, cleaned the chapel, turned on water in the sites, burned wood piles, and continued working on the new camp store, which was completed prior to the Centennial Camporee at camp.



Please remember that you can come out to camp any weekend and do service by working on various projects. Joel Thole has a list of projects that still need to be completed, so camp is ready for campers and visitors this summer.



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 nst381.org.



SUMMER CAMP 2022



Camp Decorah staff members are back this year, offering units a fantastic summer program. The OA will help to provide 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 a part of this year's camp staff. Full information and applications are available online or at the Scout Service Center.

Summer Camp Session 1	July 10 - 15
Summer Camp Session 2	July 17 - 22
Summer Camp Session 3	July 24 - 29

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LODGE CEREMONIES 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:

Karissa Adams at karissaadams@icloud.com

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or ceremony adviser:

Alex Metry at alexandermetry@gmail.com

LODGE DUES AND GOLDEN TICKET 2022

Your lodge dues run by the calendar year. This means now is the 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](http://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 our members renew their dues to ensure our records are accurate and up to date, and so that you will receive all lodge notices and newsletters.



You may also want to consider buying a Golden Ticket for \$100, which entitles you to receive a special Golden Ticket patch, and covers the cost of lodge and Section events, including the Annual Banquet (event already past), 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 Smoke Signal to the Council Office.

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.

TRANSITION TO ONLINE REGISTRATION

The lodge is now only offering online registration. This means that starting with this Smoke Signal, the usual form on the last page of the Smoke Signal will no longer be published for participants to register for events.

In replace of the paper form, online forms have and will continue to be created for registration at nst381.org. Cash and check payments can still be made for most if not all events. To do so, just select the cash or check option at the end of the form under “Payment Options”, and then either mail or drop off your payment at the Scout Service Center in La Crosse after submitting your form entry. If mailing your payment, please include attn: NST 381 and what the payment is for.



If you have any questions about this new registration process, please contact Glenn Walinski or Alex Metry. To register and find more info about upcoming events, please visit nst381.org.



LOOK FORWARD TO NOAC 2022!

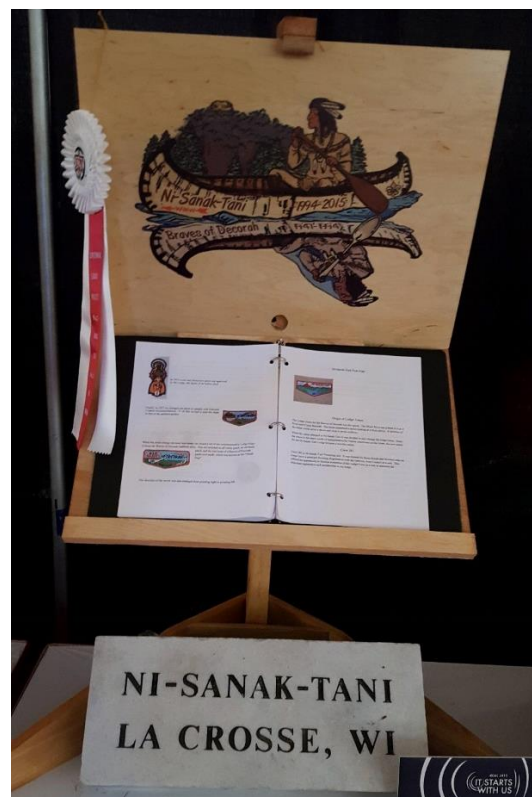
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NATIONAL OA CONFERENCE

KNOXVILLE, TN
JULY 25TH TO 30TH

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 25-30, 2022, at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville! Our tour dates are Saturday, July 23

through Sunday, July 31. Registration is now closed, however, if you're already registered to attend, you will be receiving more specific details about the event in the coming months. If you can't attend in-person, keep in mind that virtual options are also available for NOAC.



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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.

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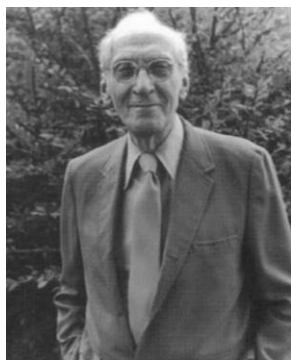


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“Good leaders must first become good servants.”

— By Robert Greenleaf, Modern Philosopher



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