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

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Section Conclave – September 16-18 at Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander, WI

Join Arrowmen from across Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan for the first-ever Section G10 Conclave! As a result of the recent national restructuring, Section C-1B has been re-named Section G10. It still features the same lodges you've come to know and love: Blue Ox, Kon Wapos, Ni-Sanak-Tani, Otyokwa, and Tom Kita Chara, just now there's a cool new name.

At Section Conclave, around 250 Arrowmen from across Wisconsin and Minnesota will come together for a weekend of games, campfires, making new friends, and creating new Scouting memories!! The event will feature a high ropes course, climbing wall, Dutch oven cookoff, and many more activities! This year's Section Conclave is at Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander, Wisconsin the weekend of Sept. 16-18.

We can't wait to see you at this awesome Order of the Arrow event! More information is available online at gatewayscouting.org/OAConclave and the Section website. Registration is available online at sectiong10.org/conclave for \$40. Arrowmen who register before September will save \$5 and those who completed their Ordeal in 2022 will save an additional \$5.

In addition to registering online, everyone attending the event is required to complete Parts A & B of the BSA Health Form. A link to the health form is available on the Section Conclave page on the Gateway Scouting website (gatewayscouting.org/OAConclave).

Calendar of Events

Sept 16-18 Section G10
Conclave at
Tesomas Scout
Camp

Sept 30 - Oct 2
Oktoberfest
Parking Lot
Fundraiser

Oct 15 Spook-o-Ree
Snack Shack at
Camp Decorah

Nov 13 Sash Bash at
Jump Start
Adventure Park



Any NST youth member can also run for a Section officer position (Section Chief, Vice-Chief, or Secretary) if they would like to. For those interesting in running, please fill out the form at forms.gle/jvDSnh3RwLAbAjDg9 and get approval from the Lodge Adviser and Scout Executive. Go to the Conclave website (sectiong10.org/conclave) for more information about the positions.



**Section Conclave
Program includes:**

High Ropes Course
Climbing Wall
Capture the Flag
Ultimate Frisbee
Gaga Ball
Kick Ball
Cornhole
Dutch Oven Cook Off
Patch Trading
Knot Tying
Fire Building
Zip Line
and so much more!!

AUGUST INDUCTION DAYS RECAP

The second Induction Weekend for 2022 was a great event for our lodge. We started Friday with our pre-Ordeal ceremonies for 14 new Ordeal candidates and one Vigil candidate. Saturday was a full day that saw members and candidates work together to split wood for the winter of the logs near the OA lodge. We also cleaned up the grounds around the lodge from the logging operation. The wood that will be use for the new ceiling in the OA lodge was stained and we are letting it dry before the work begins. We have a few large pieces to finish and then Joel will coordinate the project which will include putting insulation in the ceiling and a whole new ceiling – LED lights and a couple ceiling fans. Brotherhood talks were held in the afternoon along with a parent/guest meeting that provided information about the Order of the Arrow and what the Ordeal means. After all our ceremonies were held, we welcomed 14 new Ordeal members, 5 Brotherhood members, and 1 Vigil member into the lodge. We also recognized the 6 Brotherhood members who completed their ceremony this summer at camp. Sixty people enjoyed a steak dinner in Dahl Hall. A lot of people are responsible for the success of the weekend, but a special thanks to Lisa for manning the kitchen and making all our meals. We want to again congratulate all our new members of the lodge for their accomplishments and thank all the members who came to be a part of our August Induction Days. A great time of fellowship, education, fun, and cheerful service.





ORDEAL MEMBERS

Susan Adams
Finnian Clark
Lucas Forman
Nolan Olson
Logan Pagliaro
Reed Schuldt
Thomas Skemp

Tim Barrett
Lucas Dykman
Ronald Forman
Ryan Olson
Nathan Puzach
Brody Sherrill
John Veglahn



BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

Colin Santiago
Steve Schauer
Sara Kish
Christopher Loyd
Jackson Perkins



VIGIL MEMBERS

Jason Moe

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

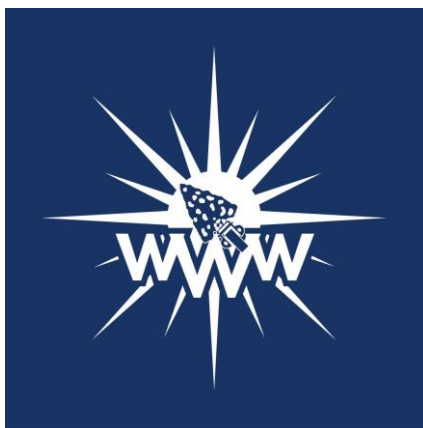
(Completed their ceremony at summer camp – no photo)

Ben Loyd
Joshua Sesvold
Patrick Zalewski
Jeremiah Sesvold
Morgan Thoren
Sawyer Weigel



NOAC REPORT

The Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge had 10 members attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference on the campus of the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. We joined 7,000 Arrowmen from around the world for a week that emphasized the theme – “Tomorrow Begins Today”. The week included training sessions, lodge games, a camping expo, OA museum, patch trading, arena shows, guest speakers, American Indian activities and dancing, region meetings, Section activities, university dining, special recognitions and dinners, and so much more. Our contingent also made stops at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, Lucas Oil Stadium, the Kentucky Derby Museum, and the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. This was a great Scouting experience and we look forward to returning in 2024.



2022
NATIONAL OA
CONFERENCE
KNOXVILLE, TN
JULY 25TH TO 30TH

Those who attended the conference from Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge were: Ben Thomas, Whalen Thomas, Seth Gadbois, Tammy Dummermuth, Karissa Adams, AJ Adams, Noah Groves, Glenn Walinski, Alex Metry, and Al Abrahamson Sr.









LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Lodge elections will be held at our Winter Banquet. We will be electing FIVE officers to lead our Lodge. Those positions will be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief (Administration), Lodge Vice Chief (Finance), Lodge Vice Chief (Ceremonies), and Lodge Vice Chief (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 1, 2023, through January 2024.



LODGE CHIEF HAS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

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, Annual Banquet, Conclaves, council meetings, etc.
3. Provides training and advice to officers and committee chairmen.
4. With the help of the advisers, 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 make sure reports are kept on whether goals have been achieved or what issues may be.
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 advisers.
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 advisers 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 in active.

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.
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, advisers, or Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF OF FINANCE

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers shall be responsible for keeping accurate and itemized record for all lodge income and expenses.
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 in-active 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 CEREMONIES

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers shall be responsible for the troop elections, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies.
2. Will help form and with help of advisers to 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, advisers, or Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers 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 people.
3. Responsible for records of comments, and every week updates to every site.
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 Executive Committee.

OKTOBERFEST PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER – SEPT 30 - OCT 2 (WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR ANY TIME YOU CAN HELP US)

The Lodge has been given permission to man the parking lot at the Landmark by the Rivers Apartments (corner of 2nd and Vine St.) again this year. We will stay overnight and guard the lot on Friday night, September 30. We will begin collecting money on Friday morning at 9:00 AM and continue until the lot is full. Then again on Saturday morning until the lot is full or all streets are closed for the parade.



Toby and Jack will map out for us where reserved sites are. Landmark will tell us which spots will be reserved for their clients. On Sunday morning, we will show up to walk through and pick garbage from the lot. We will wear Class B Scouting clothes for the duration of our manning the lot.

PLEASE LET JACK ROBINSON

Jack

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TOBY ADAMS

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GLENN WALINSKI know when you can help!!!!

Glenn

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SPOOK-O-REE – SAT, OCT 15, 2022 – CAMP DECORAH

Spook-O-Ree is a council annual event, held at Camp Decorah and allows the lodge the chance to raise funds by running the Snack Shack during the event. This year the event will be on one day and held from 3 PM to 9 PM. Our lodge will set up in either the Camp Store or in Dahl Hall. We will sell a variety of items – hot dogs, brats, candy, chips with cheese, coffee, soda, ice cream, hot cocoa, etc. We will wear Class B clothes with our sashes. There will be NO meal provided this year. We will use the money to help with upgrades to the OA Lodge, scholarships, training, the OA coordinator at camp, Section fees, etc.

**Please Come to Camp and Help Us for As Long as You Can on
Saturday, October 15**

1:30 PM	Set up Snack Shack
2:30 PM	Snack Shack Opens
3:00 PM	Spook-o-Ree begins
9:00 PM	Event ends
9:00 PM	Tear down and clean up of Snack Shack

SASH BASH – NOV 13, 2022 – JUMP START ADVENTURE PARK To All Order of the Arrow Members, Their Family, and Friends!!

Jump Start Adventure Park, 3939 County Rd B, La Crosse, WI 54601

10 am to 12 pm

Everyone will be asked to sign a letter to be in the facility.

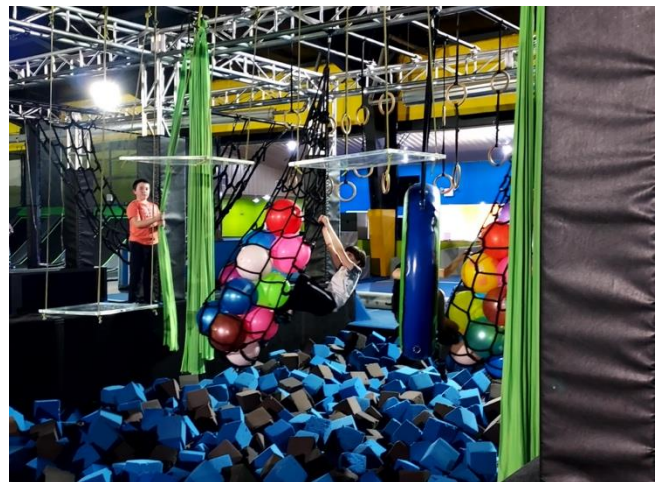
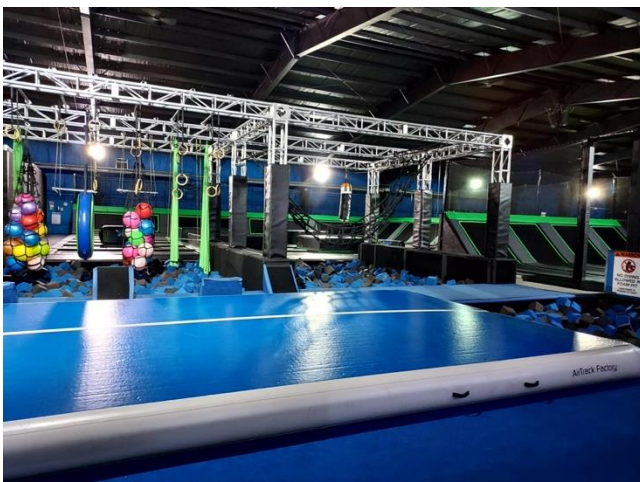
(This can be done online before you arrive or at the building)

Everyone **MUST** wear the socks provided at Jump Start.

There will be pizza and soda provided at the end of the event.

This is a free event. This is our first interactive event of the lodge to welcome all our newly inducted members to the lodge and for our members to come together for some fun, fellowship, food, and spreading the Spirit of Scouting and the OA.

Come have a fun day with your family, friends, and fellow Arrowmen!



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.



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](https://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.

INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE?

The Gateway Area Council is now planning to send a troop of male and female members to the 2023 National Jamboree, that will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, on July 19-28, 2023.

Every four years the BSA organizes the ultimate Scouting experience. An event that brings over 40,000 scouts and leaders together to share in such activities as mountain climbing, river rafting, zip lines, shooting, kayaking, scuba, swimming, national guests, merit badge midway, camping expo, stadium shows, and so much more.



Important Details

Youth attendees must be 12 and have achieved 1st class rank. As the Jamboree was postponed in 2021, attendees who are 18 but not yet 21 can attend this jamboree as a youth member.

The Jamboree will occur over 10 days. The council is planning a few days travel each way so the total trip could be up to 14 days.

The final fee will likely be between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

A payment plan and fundraising opportunities will be available.

Scholarships may also be available from BSA National for families who register early.



All costs to attend the jamboree along with travel meals, transit, tours etc. will be included in the fee.

More information and registration is online at:
gatewayscouting.org/NationalJamboree2023

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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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“The greatest adventure is what lies ahead.”

— By JRR Tolkien, Writer of the Lord of the Rings



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nst381.org

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NST Instagram:

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Section G10:

sectiong10.org

Gateway Region:

oa-bsa.org/gateway