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

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2023 WINTER BANQUET

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Dahl Dining Hall, Camp Decorah
Cost: \$20 per person

5:30 PM Registration
6:00 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Program

Our Winter Banquet is for ALL our members, Scouters, friends, and family. Everyone is invited to come to Camp Decorah on Sunday, January 15 to recognize our 2023 officers, hear the highlights of 2022, Vigil Honor recognitions, committee reports, what's ahead for 2023, a presentation by the Section G10 Officer, and our Guest Speaker, Mr. Art Shegonee.

Art Shegonee is a member of and the spiritual leader for the Menominee and Potawatomi tribes. His name is Canasa, which means Little Golden Eagle. He is a member of the Wolf clan and is a nationally recognized dancer. He is a traditional dancer at pow wows in Wisconsin and across the country. He has been the lead dancer for the Native American group, Brule, and has worked with musicians Bill Miller and Michael Jacobs. Art, his wife Dawn, and Michael Jacobs are the founders of the Call for Peace Drum and Dance Company. He will be coming to share his stories, videos, knowledge, culture and will explain how Eagles are represented and are sacred to the Native American culture and history. Art will be doing the Welcome Dance and inviting those in attendance to join in the experience. This is a great honor for our lodge to have Art come to inspire, educate, and motivate all of us!!

This will be a great night for our lodge! Please register to attend the banquet online at gatewayscouting.org/OABanquet. You can also pay at the door, but we ask you to register online so we can estimate the number of meals needed.

Calendar of Events

Jan 15 Winter Banquet
at Camp Decorah

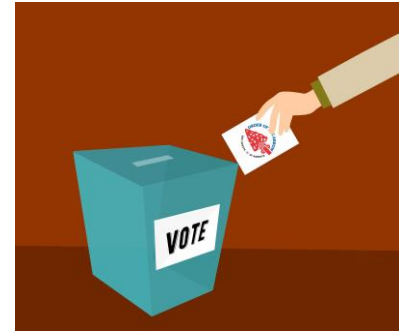
Jan 21 Section G10
Winter Council of
Chiefs Meeting at
the Kalahari

Mar 24-26 National
Leadership
Seminar in
Minneapolis

Apr 14-15 Section G10
Spring Council of
Chiefs Meeting at
Camp Phillips

LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Lodge elections will be held on Sunday, January 15 at the 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 Finance, Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies, and Lodge Vice Chief of Communications. Anyone wanting to serve on the LEC for 2023 can contact Karissa Adams or Glenn Walinski and tell us what position you would like to serve in.



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 the Winter Banquet, Wing Ding, Ordeal weekends, Rendezvous, Conclaves, OA Fun Days, 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 Administration, Finance, Ceremonies, 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 and 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, and 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 inactive.
3. Will help with transfers, dues notices, drop notices, and 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 records 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, websites, and any communication going out to membership, council, or section people.
3. Responsible for records of comments and weekly 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 Executive Committee.

SECTION G10 CONCLAVE RECAP

Camp Tesomas was the site of the 2022 Section G10 Conclave. Nine members of the lodge attended the event that saw over 200 Arrowmen come together for a weekend of games, education, campfires, dutch oven cookoffs, training sessions, activities, fun, fellowship, elections, and creating scouting memories. Our members participated in all the games and activities offered, including the high ropes course, Section museum, and ceremonies. We even had Toby, AJ, and Nash lead an event in balloon animal creations, while Laurel Hemmer assisted with branding and the climbing tower for the conclave. Our next conclave will be held at Camp Phillips on September 15-17, 2023.



OKTOBERFEST PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Five members of the lodge worked the Landmark by the Rivers parking lot on the Friday and Saturday of Oktoberfest. Through the generosity of Cleary Management, Ni-Sanak-Tani was given permission to man the lot, charge for parking, and secure the lot on Friday night.

Because of all the hard work of the lodge members, the lodge made over \$3,000 that will be used for training, fees, ceremonies team and our OA lodge renovation project.



SPOOK-O-REE SNACK SHACK

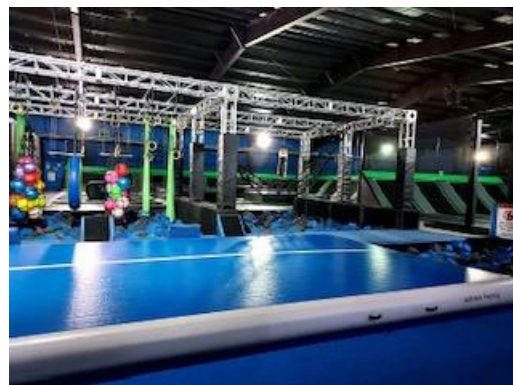
On October 15, ten members of the lodge worked the Snack Shack in the Camp Store at Camp Decorah for the Council's annual Spook-o-Ree event. The day was filled with Scouts coming to camp for a day of activities, events, scary exhibits, hay wagon rides, and a lot of Scouting fun and fellowship. Our lodge uses the money raised from selling food and beverages for scholarships, training, fees, and the OA lodge project.





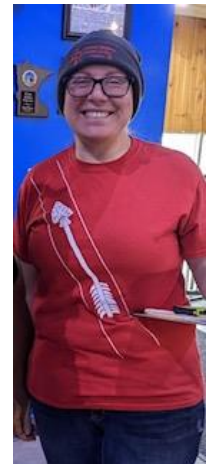
FUN DAY AT JUMP START ADVENTURE PARK

Twenty lodge members joined the council's \$1,000 popcorn sellers on November 13 at Jump Start Adventure Park for a morning of pure fun and fellowship. Everyone got to use the trampolines, dodge ball, obstacle courses, climbing nets, high jumps, and a pizza party. This was one of our activation events to welcome new lodge members and their families and friends to the Order of the Arrow. The event was free to all OA members, their families, and friends. We plan to do this event again in 2023 because of all the positive comments from our members.



NEW LODGE STAFF ADVISER – LAUREL HEMMER

The Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge has a new Staff Advisor. Laurel Hemmer joined the Gateway Area Council while working for the council through WisCorps. She is from Belvidere, Illinois and was active in the Blackhawk Area Council. Laurel has been active in Scouting since 2006, and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2017. She has served 3 summers on the Camp Decorah staff and is looking forward to working with everyone in the Gateway Area Council and the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge.



RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lodge would like to congratulate Becky Bieze on her retirement for the Gateway Area Council as the Finance Director for the past 9 years. We want to thank her for all the help and guidance she gave the lodge with our finances and how she worked with Jack Robinson and all our Vice Chiefs of Finance to make sure our finances were in order. We wish her and her family the very best as she starts the next chapter of her life.



OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes, or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you!

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs. Maybe it's wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base. Or maybe hiking is your passion; if so, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch, where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience? Have you ever thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders? Maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Visit the OA High Adventure website at oa-bsa.org/high-adventure to find more information, view available dates for 2023 treks, and apply for the program.

SECTION G10 WINTER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING

January 21, 2023 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells

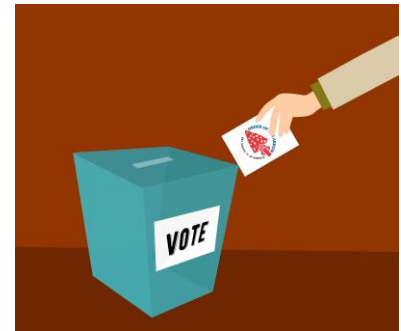
The Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge will be taking our members to Wisconsin Dells on Saturday, January 21, for the Section G10 Council of Chiefs meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan the 2023 Section Conclave that will be held September 15-17 at Camp Phillips. The lodge will pay the \$15 registration fee for any member attending. We will be going down in the morning, attending the meetings, and then those that want to will spend a few hours in the Kalahari Water Park. We will stop for supper at the Pizza Ranch before coming home that night.

We NEED you to register online through the NST website or at sectiong10.org. Contact Karissa Adams or Glenn Walinski if you are interested in attending.



UNIT ELECTIONS

Our lodge team is ready to help any unit with their Spring Unit Election. Each unit can be set up by filling out the form at gatewayscouting.org/OAElectionForm. For 2023, we request that units try to schedule their election before June 1. The election will take about 20 minutes, but we can adjust to your unit's schedule. We have sent out letters to all our Scoutmasters and Crew Leaders.



The election cannot be held if less than 50% of the active unit members are in attendance. Our lodge will help provide an Election Team to help conduct the election. We will tell your unit what the OA is, conduct the voting, talk about Camp Decorah, and answer any questions.

To setup an election date and time, AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to the date:
PLEASE CONTACT:

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2023 POSSIBLE WINTER LODGE IDEAS

Winter Brotherhood Weekend

Idea is to have a Fellowship event in February or March
Would promote ceremonies, team building, regalia
Would perform a BROTHERHOOD ceremony
Promote Ordeal members to think about Brotherhood etc.

Winter Free Bowling Day

Idea to hold our Bowling event at Galesville Lanes again
Free event to members, families and friends
Free Bowling and pizza/soda

NLS and DYLC – Minneapolis, MN

March 24-26
This is the premier training event of the Order of the Arrow
We will join OA members from the country for a weekend of training and fellowship

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 2023

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 2023. **Dues are \$15.** You can register online at gatewayscouting.org/OADues. 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, fellowship events, Induction weekends, Section Conclave, and Sash Bash. You can register for a Golden Ticket online when paying your dues.



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.



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (NLS)

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format complements the longer, more detailed Junior Leadership Training program (for youth) and Wood Badge program (for adults). During the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills learned on projects in the lodge, council, and community. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside of the Scouting program.

Who Should Attend?

Every Arrowman will benefit in some way from attending NLS. Youth participants should be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. Completion of a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) course is desirable. The seminar is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of leadership and practicing some of the skills that a leader uses. While fun, the course challenges participants mentally as well. Participants should be developmentally, physically, and mentally prepared to engage actively in an exhausting, invigorating weekend.



How Do I Attend?

The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. NLS will be in Minneapolis from March 24 to 26, 2023.

DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (DYLC)

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will deepen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback that leads to changes in youth behavior and creating a life-long coaching/mentoring relationship. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully coach youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar. DYLC will also be offered in Minneapolis from March 24 to 26, 2023.

Find more information online about NLS and DYLC at oa-bsa.org/training, or by contacting Karissa Adams or Glenn Walinski.

INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE?

The Gateway Area Council will be sending 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 First 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 are available 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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“Real freedom lies in wilderness, not in civilization.”

— By Charles Lindbergh, Aviator and Military Officer



Upcoming Events:

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Jan 21	Section G10 Winter COC Meeting at Kalahari
Mar 24-26	NLS in Minneapolis
Apr 14-16	Section G10 Spring COC Meeting at Camp Phillips
Jun 8-9	June Induction Weekend
Jun 25-Jul 1	Summer Camp Session 1
July 9-15	Summer Camp Session 2
Aug 18-20	August Induction Weekend (tent.)
Sep 15-17	Section G10 Conclave at Camp Phillips

For More Lodge News and Information, Go To:

Ni-Sanak-Tani:	nst381.org
NST Facebook:	facebook.com/nst381
NST Instagram:	instagram.com/nst.381
Section G10:	sectiong10.org
Gateway Region:	oa-bsa.org/gateway