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

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JUNE INDUCTION DAYS

Thu, June 8 – Fri, June 9, 2023
Dahl Dining Hall, Camp Decorah

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 Ordeal into the OA and also for Brotherhood candidates to do their talks and complete their ceremony Friday night.

Registration for the Induction Ceremony can be completed online at gatewayscouting.org/OAInduction

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 dinner is \$10 per person.

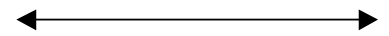
NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO ALLOWED DURING THE CEREMONY!

You are permitted to take pictures after the ceremony is finished.

Masks are recommended, but not required.



Calendar of Events



**May 5-7 Council-Wide
Camporee at Fort
McCoy**

**Jun 8-9 June Induction
Days at Camp
Decorah**

**Jul 1 Black River
Canoe Float at
Camp Decorah**

**Aug 4-6 August
Induction Days at
Camp Decorah**

**Aug 26 Shooting Sports
Saturday at Camp
Decorah**

**Sept 15-17 Section G10
Conclave at
Camp Phillips**

**Dec 1-2 Lodge Lock-In
at Camp Decorah**

Schedule and Details:

Thursday, June 8

7:30 PM Registration begins
8:00 PM 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 9

8:00 AM Breakfast for members in Dahl Dining Hall
9:00 AM Ordeal/Service projects for camp begin
12:00 PM 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 will clean up and put on uniforms
3:45 PM Parents for Brotherhood ceremony escorted to the 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 the bowl
5:00 PM ORDEAL CEREMONY
6:30 PM Steak dinner for everyone in Dahl Dining Hall
Distribution of patches, books, information
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 OA.
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 the Lodge and Scouting.

NEW FELLOWSHIP EVENTS FOR 2023

**Canoe Float Sat, July 1
North Bend to Camp Decorah**

**Shooting Sports Day Sat, Aug 26
Camp Decorah Ranges**

**Lodge Lock-In Fri, Dec 1 – Sat, Dec 2
Dahl Dining Hall, Camp Decorah**

Everyone is invited to our new lodge fellowship events for 2023! These events will be a chance to welcome our new Ordeal members into the Order and to have some fun, fellowship, and enjoy a day at Camp Decorah.



The Canoe Float will meet at Camp Decorah at 10 am on Saturday, July 1. We will paddle over 10 miles along the Black River from North Bend to Council Bay. Life jackets are required, you may bring your own or use one of Camp Decorah's. Canoes and paddles will be provided by Camp Decorah. Bring a sack lunch or snacks and a water bottle. The event is free for all Arrowmen. We hope to see you there!

The Shooting Sports Day will be at the Camp Decorah Ranges on Saturday, August 26 beginning at 12 pm. We will participate in rifle and archery and throw tomahawks. Participants should plan to bring their own snacks or a sack lunch if needed. The event fee is \$5 to cover ammunition costs.



The Lodge Lock-In will be at the Dahl Dining Hall at Camp Decorah from Friday, December 1 to Saturday, December 2. We will have video games on the projectors, board games, and card games for everyone to enjoy. Look for more information to come soon!

WINTER BANQUET RECAP

Fifty Scouts and Scouters attended the Winter Banquet, held at Camp Decorah on January 15. Art Shegonee was our guest speaker. Art is a member of and spiritual leader for the Menominee and Potawatomi tribes. He shared stories, videos, knowledge, education, and motivation to everyone about sacredness of Eagles to Native American culture, the Call for Peace Drum and Dance company, his nationally recognized dances along with thoughts for the youth development for the future.



Lisa Stenslien prepared the food for our banquet. Section G10 Chief Mydasia Zipperer presented a message from the Section, and Mr. Jason Moe was recognized for earning his Vigil Honor. Lodge officers gave a summary of what the lodge did in 2022 and what's ahead for 2023. Scout Executive Joe Carlson offered greetings, while Karissa and the LEC for 2023 took the officer oath of office. It was a great night for the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge. Thanks to all that attended!



FUN DAY AT GALESVILLE LANES RECAP



Our first lodge fellowship event of 2023 took place on March 12 at Gale's Lanes. Twenty-two people, including members, family, and friends bowled and shared 14 pizzas and pitchers of soda. Everyone had a great time. Because it was such a success, we have voted to do it again in 2024.



We also held our first LEC meeting of the year before we began bowling. Karissa and the new officers approved the 2023 budget. Other topics discussed included reaching out to unit leaders to set up dates for OA elections this spring, an update on the OA lodge ceiling project, the Spring COC at Camp Phillips, Beaver Day in April, summer camp, lodge patch designs needed, and future training opportunities.



NLS/DYLC TRAINING IN MINNEAPOLIS

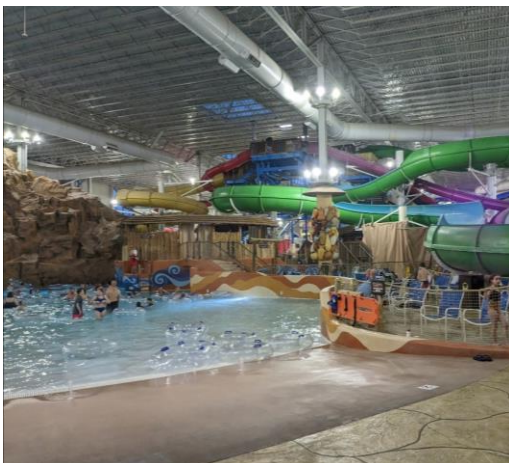
Karissa Adams and Glenn Walinski attended the Gateway Region's training session in Minneapolis on March 24 to 26. Over 150 youth and adults from across the region came together for a weekend of intense leadership training. The classes cover building relationships, developing youth and adults to be stronger leaders for the lodge, making plans for the future, and ways to make our lodges stronger for Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members alike.



SECTION G10 WINTER COC MEETING AT KALAHARI

The Winter Council of Chiefs meeting was held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells in January. Eleven members of our lodge attended the conference that had the purpose of planning the 2023 Section Conclave that will be held in September at Camp Phillips. Members from all five lodges came together to pick the theme, vote on the budget, program, activities, training, promotions, and plans. After the conference, members enjoyed the water park and a great meal at Pizza Ranch.

(Karissa, Whalen, Caden, Andrew, Van, AJ, Logan, Laurel, Alex, Al, Glenn attended)



SECTION 

SECTION G10 ACT CONFERENCE AND COC PLANNING MEETING AT CAMP PHILLIPS

Our Spring Council of Chiefs meeting was held at Camp Phillips on April 14 to 16. Members from all five lodges attended the weekend to participate in the ACT Conference and the Spring COC. As part of the COC, members finalized plans for the 2023 G10 Section Conclave that will be held September 15 to 17 at Camp Phillips. The conclave theme this year is “Pirates”. The weekend will be filled with training, programs, activities, and fun! We will promote our lodge attending the conclave throughout the summer. Registration for Section Conclave is available online on the Section’s website at sectiong10.org/conclave. Look for more information about this exciting event soon!



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

Providing Cheerful service is one line in our OA Obligation and our members helped with various duties at the Golden Eagle Gala and the Council Recognition Dinner. Our members helped as greeters, assisted with auctions, gave directions, and were escorts. All a part of supporting Scouting, the Council, and the mission of the Order of the Arrow. OA members were able to meet this year's guest speaker of the Golden Eagle Gala, Ahman Green of the Green Bay Packers.



GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL RECOGNITION EVENT

March 28 at Camp Decorah was the site of the Council's Recognition Event. It was a special night to recognize our 2022 Eagle Scouts, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and Outstanding Eagle Scout award winners. All the units in the council were recognized along with committees, summer camp, council staff and all volunteers. Some of our members helped with the flag ceremony, escorted honor recipients and helped with the event. Some of the lodge members were honored with being 2022 Eagle Scouts and honored with District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and the Outstanding Eagle Scout awards.



SUMMER CAMP 2023



Kelly and Patrick will be back at Camp Decorah this summer 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 Counselor's 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 at the council website or at the Scout Service Center.

Summer Camp Session 1
Summer Camp Session 2

June 25 – July 1
July 19 – 15

OA SUMMER CAMP PRESENCE

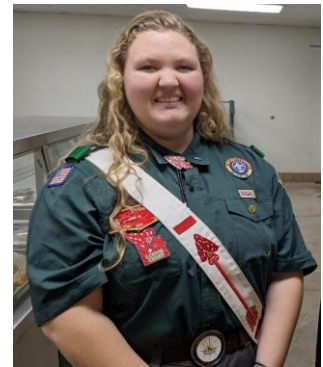
All OA members are asked to bring their sashes to camp to wear on OA Day. Also, you can wear any OA shirt at camp that day. During the ice cream social, members can bring their patches for a trading session being held during the social. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Decorah!



LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings Arrowmen!

My name is Karissa Adams, and I am your 2023 Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge Chief. This is my second term as Chief and I am excited to continue doing great work with all of you, both inside and out of the Lodge. This year I really want to ensure that Arrowmen are called to the Order on our principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.



Brotherhood can be shown in many ways. Not only from member to member, but also to all Scouts and people alike. I challenge all Arrowmen to act in Brotherhood with those around them. Throughout the year we will have several opportunities for fellowship. A place where you can stand with new members in Brotherhood is through their Induction, working alongside them in cheerful service, showing them the way.

We may find that Cheerfulness can be difficult to show. However, it may be the most important. Remember that our Obligation reminds us to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities. Your road may be difficult, however you should never be alone, as myself and other Arrowmen will cheerfully stand behind you.

Last, we come to Service, something that may feel unattainable when we ourselves are so busy. But, Service, just like Brotherhood and Cheerfulness, is necessary. Service can be to our Lodge, our camp, our troops, our communities. The Lodge has several service opportunities to take part in throughout the year.

This summer, the Lodge Executive Committee and I are excited to bring more Order of the Arrow programming to Camp Decorah! Keep looking ahead for program snippets and surprises. We hope to see you there and at our Inductions in June and August! Look to our website for more details.

Remember the arrow that was loosed during your Induction. Continue searching for it, for those who have chosen you need you.

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Karissa Adams | Lodge Chief
NI-SANAK-TANI LODGE

NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2023 – OPERATION ARROW

The 2023 National Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from July 19 to 28. Arrowmen are being asked to consider being a part of Operation Arrow. You will help facilitate the Summit Apex program or serve with the Service Corps.



The Apex is a new half-day outpost program area that will inspire Scouts to appreciate the benefits of Scouting through large scale activities, a unique Jamboree dinner, evening reflection, and a renewed enthusiasm. The Service Corps is the OA's service corps that supports the Jamboree programs.



Registration cost is \$400 for one week and \$675 for the whole Jamboree. If interested, PLEASE look at the site: oa-bsa.org/jamboree. You need to be registered by June 2023.

NOAC 2024 – UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-BOULDER

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 29 to Aug 3 at the University of Colorado-Boulder, and we are going!!! Our contingent will join over 8,000 other Arrowmen from around the world for a full week of training, programs, activities, and lifelong memories. This event is considered one of Scouting's "once in a lifetime events". We will be staying in the dorms, eating at the university's food service buildings, attending arena shows, using the university classrooms and activity buildings, and participating in competitions. There will also be Native American activities, training, the OA museum, swimming, scuba diving, Goodman games, the Outdoor Adventure Place, camping displays, patch trading, the outdoor fair, and the chance to meet Regional and National guests. We will be putting together our tour and getting more



information on fees and costs soon. Look for more information coming later this year!!!



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

Van Maxwell at vantmaxwell@gmail.com

or ceremony adviser:

Alex Metry at alexandermetry@gmail.com

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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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.

Ni-Sanak-Tani-Registration

Please register online at nst381.org. See below for the current event prices.

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

	Qty:	Cost:	Total
Dues: (Please include list of names being paid for)			
Youth (under 21 on Jan 1 of that year)	_____	@\$15= _____	**DY
Adult	_____	@ \$15= _____	**DA
Adult Crew 381 B.S.A. Registration (if not registered elsewhere)	_____	@\$49= _____	**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 8-9, 2023)**August Induction Weekend** (Aug 18-20, 2023)

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New Candidates (Youth & Adult)	_____	@\$55	_____	**O

Current Arrowmen

Weekend	_____	@\$20	_____	**O
Brotherhood Candidate (w/o weekend)	_____	@\$25	_____	**O
Steak Dinner (guests)	_____	@\$10	_____	**O
Golden Ticket Holder (Check if attending)	_____	FREE	_____	**O

July Canoe Float (Sat, July 1)

Existing Members	_____	FREE	_____	**CF
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August Shooting Sports Saturday (Sat, Aug 26)

Existing Members	_____	@\$5	_____	**SS
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Section G10 Conclave (September 15-17, 2023)**After Friday, Sep 1 \$5 Late fee**

Golden Ticket Holder (Check if attending)	_____	@\$5	_____	**SC
	_____	FREE	_____	**SC

Camp Decorah Lock-In (Fri, Dec 1 to Sat, Dec 2)

New Ordeal Members	_____	@\$5	_____	**SB
Current OA Members	_____	@\$10	_____	**SB
Golden Ticket Holder (Check if attending)	_____	FREE	_____	**SB

2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

NOAC Deposit	_____	@\$100	_____	**NC
Total Conference Fee (Including Deposit)	_____	@TBD	_____	**NC

Total Enclosed _____

2022-2023 Officers & Advisers

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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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**“And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and
find my soul.”**

— By John Muir, Conservationist



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For More Lodge News and Information, Go To:

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NST Instagram:	instagram.com/nst.381
Section G10:	section10.org
Gateway Region:	oa-bsa.org/gateway