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

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NOAC 2024 – UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

“SEEK NEW HEIGHTS” will be the theme of the 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference that will be held July 29 to August 3, at the University of Colorado Boulder. We are planning now for our contingent to join 8,000 other Arrowmen from around the country for a week of lifelong memories that truly makes this event one of those lifetime adventures of Scouting. We will be staying in the university dorms, eating at the university food service, attending arena shows in the CU Boulder basketball arena, and using all the University classrooms and facilities. During our week we will be attending training sessions, participating in competitions, camping expo, Goodman games, OA museum, swimming, scuba, Outdoor Adventure Place, Founder Day, meeting Regional and National guests and of course lots of fellowship and patch trading.

We are putting our tour plans together now and soon will have a registration site online so you can put a \$100 deposit down to hold your place in our contingent. Visit gatewayscouting.org/NOAC2024 to find the latest information and reserve your spot! More detailed information on the total fee, tour plans, registration etc. will be out very soon. National will release more information and open their registration in October. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Walinski at glennwalinski@hotmail.com or 712-577-0557.

Calendar of Events

Sept 15-17 Section G10
Conclave at
Camp Phillips

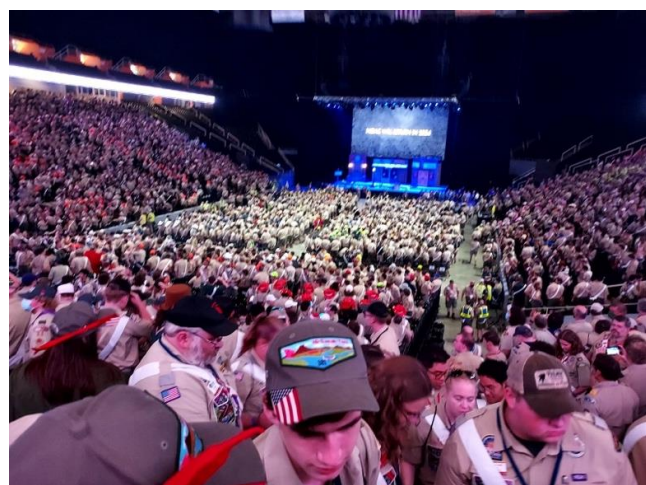
Oct 14 Spook-o-Ree
Snack Shack
Fundraiser

Dec 1-2 Lodge Lock-In
at Camp Decorah

Jan 2024 (Date TBD)
Lodge Annual
Banquet

Jan 26-28 Winter
Council of Chiefs
at the Kalahari





Photos from NOAC 2022

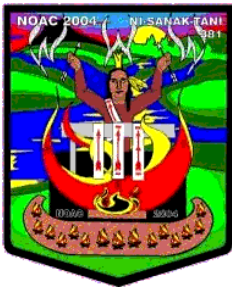
PATCH DESIGN

Help design a patch for Ni-Sanak-Tani! The lodge is planning to create a 2024 NOAC flap set. Submit your idea to the Scout Office, attn: OA, or email to Alex Metry at alexandermetry@gmail.com. See the information on patch requirements below.

"Flap" Design *REQUIRES*:

- a. Either "BSA" or the Fleur-de-lis (the better it is hidden, the neater the design... look over NOAC Chief's right shoulder).
- b. The NST Totem (Canoe); some designs include the old Braves of Decorah Totem (spoon).
- c. "Ni-Sanak-Tani" and "381"
- Optional, but highly encouraged:*
- d. "WWW" or "<-WWW-<<<" arrow
- e. Event Name and Year
- f. Space and placement for "Contingent" legend

Design can be either the Flap-alone, or the Flap/Pocket combination. If a combination, each part needs the Lodge Number "381" (and Event Name/Year) so it can be identified if separated from its other piece(s).

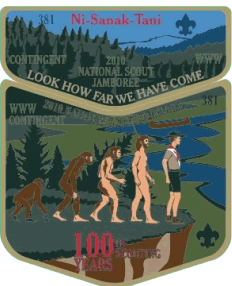


Design should be colorful, but the more threads the pricier it is. As a gauge, the NOAC 2004 example is 13 colors, the Jambo 2010 set is 9 colors, and the Jambo 2013 set is 10 colors. Use of Photo chromatic (changes in sunlight) or GlowInTheDark threads add 15% to the overall cost but can be effective!

Describe multiple versions, e.g., Ghost/Blood/Night (all one thread color, white/red/black, but patterns and stitch orientation reveals the design!), and distinction(s) between Contingent (gold border) and Traders (black border).



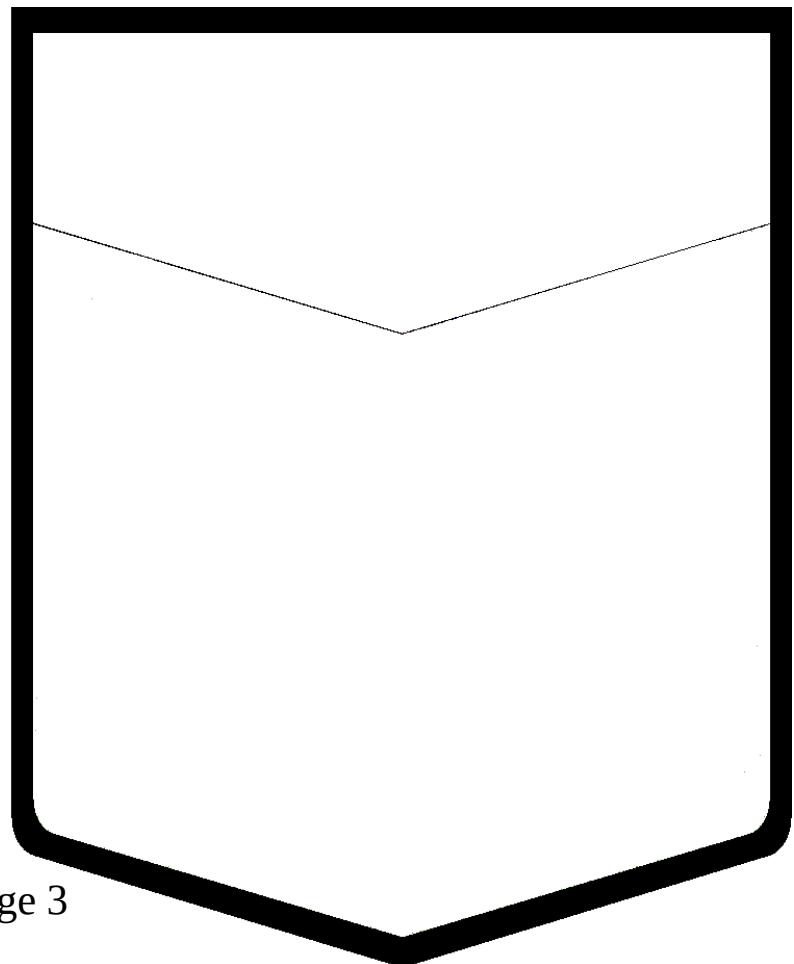
Merrow (edge stitching) can edge every piece (Jambo 2010), or the design can be "seamless" across the parts (NOAC 2004).



For the NOAC flap set, the design must be exactly the shape of the pocket/flap. No extra shapes. For a segment patch, the shape of the patches when put together can vary. For example, the last segment patch in 2009 was the shape of a Native American in a canoe.

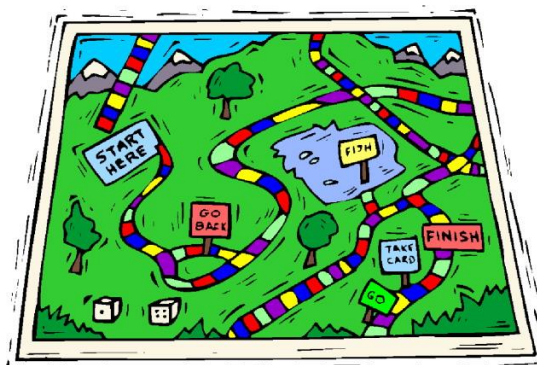


>>Can't draw well?... scratch it out, even black & white, and write up a description. The patch company art department will clean it up for us.



LODGE LOCK-IN – DEC 1-2

Join us for a fun filled overnight at Camp Decorah to play all kinds of games on December 1-2! Come play console games on projectors, board games, and yard games in the comfort of Dahl Hall. Members are invited to arrive anytime during the event and stay the night in Dahl. Snacks will be provided by the lodge. Feel free to bring your own games and snacks!



JUNE INDUCTION DAYS RECAP



Our first induction of 2023 was a great event for the lodge! The event was held on June 8-9, and started with a dinner for everyone and the pre-Ordeal ceremony on Thursday night. Friday was a full

day that featured great work around camp burying cable, cleaning brush, clearing camp sites, splitting wood, burning brush piles, and leveling stump removal areas. We had two Elangomats (Lilly McWilliams and Jerry Skofronick) work with and lead our Ordeal candidates throughout the event. Brotherhood talks were held in the afternoon along with parents/guest meeting which provided them with information about the Order of the Arrow and what the Ordeal means to the mission of the lodge and the council. Thirty members of the lodge participated in the event.





We were honored to welcome 13 new Ordeal and 3 new Brotherhood members into the lodge. After the ceremonies, 60 people enjoyed a steak dinner in Dahl Hall. Congratulations to all our members for the accomplishments of the two days. Thank you for all the members who helped and worked hard to make this event a true success! It was a fantastic time of fun, hard work, fellowship, education, recognition, and cheerful service!



New Members from the June Induction:

ORDEAL MEMBERS



SARAH ADAMS
ISAAC GERKE
JONATHAN GROVES
BRIAN HALVERSON
SCOT HALVERSON
MATHEW HILLS
WESLEY MCGOUGH
GUNNAR NAGY
BRIAN RUSSELL
MAXWELL RUSSELL
SAM STINSON
BRANDON WANKE
MASON WHITE

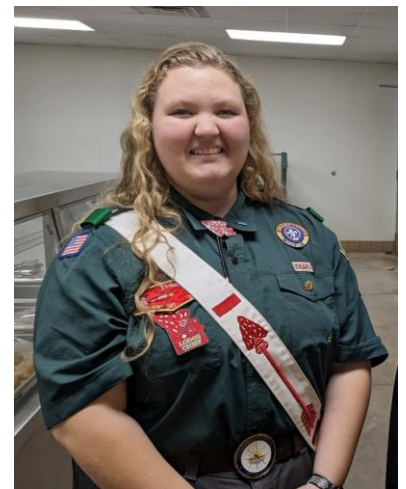
BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS



SUE ADAMS
LILLY MCWILLIAMS
JERRY SKOFRONICK

KARISSA ADAMS EARNS NESA SCHOLARSHIP

The National Eagle Scout Association awarded our lodge chief, Karissa Adams, a scholarship that she will be able to use for college. Congratulations to her for being the only Scout in Territory 4 to be awarded this scholarship.



NI-SANAK-TANI LODGE ADOPTS A HIGHWAY

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has approved our lodge to adopt a section of highway on Highway 53 between Amsterdam Prairie Rd to Council Bay Road. Our lodge will be responsible for cleaning both sides of the road. A sign designating our lodge as adopting this section of road will be put up by the DOT. This is the highway that is located near Camp Decorah and extends past County T and Dragan's. We will include this road cleaning in our list of service projects for each year. Look for more information on upcoming highway cleanup days in the future.



LODGE HOSTS FIRST CANOE FLOAT



The lodge held its first annual Black River Canoe Float on July 1. This was a free event for lodge members who spent the day canoeing down the Black River back to Camp Decorah. The day was spent swimming, floating, enjoying nature and

full of fun and fellowship. With the success of this event, planning has already started for next year's Black River float which will include sleeping overnight on a sandbar along the way as part of the fun. The event will be offered to members, their families, and friends. Thanks to everyone that attended!



AUGUST INDUCTION DAYS RECAP

The second Induction Weekend for our lodge in 2023 was a great event for the lodge. We started on Friday night with a dinner for everyone before beginning our Pre-Ordeal ceremonies and 8 new Ordeal and 2 Vigil candidates. Saturday was a full day that started with the recognition of two new VIGIL members – Karissa Adams and Lisa Stenslien. Then everyone went to paint and seal the panels that will be used to build a new bouldering/climbing wall for youth in Camp, along with replanting some trees in Chippewa and Cherokee campsites. Brotherhood talks were held in the afternoon and the parents/guest/candidate meeting was held before the ceremony took place. After the ceremonies were held, the lodge welcomes 8 new Ordeal and 2 new Brotherhood members to the lodge. Sixty-five people joined together in Dahl Hall for supper and recognizing all the great accomplishments of the weekend.



We want to congratulate all our members of the lodge for their accomplishments and THANK all the people who came and worked so hard to make this event a true success! We also want to thank our two elangomats – Aiden Santiago and Wesley Moe – and our Brotherhood Nimat – Jerry Skrofonic – for making the weekend a success.

New Members from the August Induction:

ORDEAL MEMBERS

JOSEPH DOBSON
AMBER GROVES
CONNOR HOVELL
PATRICK IIFERY
HENRY IIFREY
LUKE JONES
ANTHONY PETULLO
BRETT SCHAUER



BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

LOGAN PAGLIARO
ALDEN SANTIAGO



VIGIL MEMBERS

KARISSA ADAMS
LISA STENSLIEN



AUGUST INDUCTION DAYS RECAP (CONT'D)

We also want to congratulate and recognize another member of our lodge who earned his Vigil this summer at Camp. VAN MAXWELL completed his Vigil this summer after being elected last year and unable to complete his ceremony. All of our Vigil members will be honored at the Winter Banquet in January of 2024.



BEAVER DAY AT CAMP DECORAH RECAP

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to camp and participated in Beaver Day in April. Forty plus people came out to work on projects like burning brush, splitting wood, campsite cleanup, etc. There is always help needed at camp to work on various projects – all that benefit all Scouts using Camp Decorah.



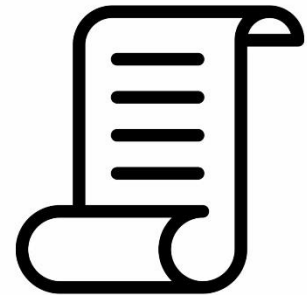
NATIONAL JAMBOREE LEAVES LASTING SCOUTING MEMORIES

The 2023 National Jamboree is in the history books and the Gateway Area Council's contingent had a fantastic two weeks while joining 15,000 Scouts from across the United States and other countries at the Summit Bechtel Scouting Reserve in West Virginia. The days were filled with arena shows, merit badge midway, zip lines, climbing walls, water activities, patch trading, seminars, special guests, camping, shooting sports, archery, skateboards, atv's, bikes, obstacle courses in the trees, mountain jack, STEM, environmental courses, and many more activities. One special moment was when our chief, Karissa Adams, was asked to be a part of panel that featured lady Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Karissa for being chosen to participate in this special Jamboree event!



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 Unit Election. Each unit can be set up by filling out the form at gatewayscouting.org/OAElectionForm. We will soon be scheduling elections for 2024 this winter and early spring. The election will take about 20 minutes, but we can adjust to your unit's schedule. Look for letters with further details to come in the next few months 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:

Toby Adams	608-317-0396	toby@sueandtoby.com
Harvey Geary	608-792-4144	hgearyjr@gmail.com
Karissa Adams	608-769-7309	karissaadams@icloud.com



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

Your lodge dues run by the calendar year. This means it will soon be time for all of us to renew our dues in the lodge for 2024. **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)	_____	@\$80=	_____	**DR

GOLDEN TICKET	_____	@\$100 =	_____	**GT
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Includes Unique Patch and the following events: Inductions, Fall Rendezvous, Section Conclave, and Fellowship Events
Transportation Not Included

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

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

Winter Banquet (Jan 2024, Date TBD)

New Ordeal Members	_____	TBD	_____	**WB
Current OA Members	_____	TBD	_____	**WB
Golden Ticket Holder (Check if attending)	_____	FREE	_____	**WB

Winter Council of Chiefs Meeting (Jan 26-28, 2024)

Meeting + Waterpark (Saturday Only, Paid by Lodge)	_____	~\$20	_____	**WC
Fri Night (Hotel Stay Paid by Individual)	_____	~\$230	_____	**WC
Sat Night (Hotel Stay Paid by Individual)	_____	~\$230	_____	**WC
Entire Weekend (Fri night thru Sun morning) (Hotel Stay Paid by Individual)	_____	~\$460	_____	**WC

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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VC-Communications	Andrew Hatcher		
VC-Finance	Nash Nagy	219-448-1825	speedracer33@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.

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persons; it is to grow in the open air and to eat
and sleep with the Earth.”**

— By Walt Whitman, Poet

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Apr 12-14 Spring Council of Chiefs

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NST Instagram: instagram.com/nst.381
Section G10: sectiong10.org
Gateway Region: oa-bsa.org/gateway