

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

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LETTER FROM LODGE CHIEF – JADEN SCHINDLER



Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Jaden Schindler, and I am the newly elected Lodge Chief for 2019/20. I am honored and very excited to serve all of you this year. I am a Life Scout who is currently working on my Eagle project in Troop 15 in La Crosse. I am at sophomore at Logan High School and am a three-sport athlete there. As a Brotherhood member of our Lodge, I served as Vice

Chief of Administration last year and used that experience to help me decide to run for chief of our lodge this year.

Through these sports and all aspects of scouting, such as NYLT staff, Camp Decorah staff, being a leader in my troop, my Eagle project and becoming an officer in the Lodge, I have been encouraged to learn new things, work closer with others, prepare and work on details, develop better communications skills, and keep in the mindset of “What’s next and what can we do better!”

We face many challenges in our Lodge but along with my fellow officers and Advisors we will work hard to meet these challenges and improve our Lodge. Some of my goals will be to work on getting more members to stay active and to attend events. Improve our communications within the Lodge, more promotion of attending camp, unit elections, induction weekend and ceremonies. We have two great events happening in 2020 that I hope all our members will try to participate. Attending NOAC at Michigan State University in August and being a part of our Lodge hosting the Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah in September.

Thank you for electing me as your Lodge Chief for the 2019/20 year.

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Jaden Schindler

Calendar of Events

Oct 25-26 Spook-o-Ree

Jan 24-25 January
Council of Chiefs
(CoC)
Kalahari Resort

Jan 31-Feb 1, 2020
Wing Ding
Feb 1 Winter Banquet

Apr 17-19 April CoC
Camp Decorah

June 12-14 Induction
Weekend
Camp Decorah

Aug 3-8, 2020
NOAC 2020,
Michigan State

Aug 14-16 Rendezvous
& Induction
Weekend
Camp Decorah

Sept 18-20 Section C-1B
Conclave
Camp Decorah

NEW LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED



We are very proud to announce the following officers for the Lodge for 2019/20.

Lodge Chief:

Jaden Schindler

Vice Chief - Administration:

Zach Halverson

Vice Chief - Program:

Noah Hronis

Vice Chief – Inductions:

AJ Adams

Vice Chief - Program:

Pierce Nelson

Vice Chief - Communication:

Kyle Burmesch

RENDEZVOUS WEEKEND RECAP



This year's Rendezvous weekend was a great event for the Lodge. The weekend started with our Ordeal induction ceremony. 16 newly elected candidates began their journey to receiving their sashes on Friday night, while 3 members of our lodge sealed their membership by completing their Brotherhood on Saturday night. During the day on Saturday, members worked together on clearing the area behind Hagerman Hall of downed trees and brush left from one of the major storms to go through camp over the fall. People cut trees, split wood for campsites, made wood chip piles for trails, and burned what excess we could. Members also cleared the area around the OA Lodge, worked on the trails, and cleaned up the OA ceremonial bowl. Encouraging parents and guests to come learn about the OA and witness the ceremony was also successful as 35

people came to camp and attended the Ordeal ceremony. 50 people stayed for the steak dinner before the Lodge meeting was held and our new officers were elected. On Sunday, 16 members stayed for a day of archery, zip line, team competitions, fire building, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming.



CONGRATULATIONS again to our newly inducted Ordeal and Brotherhood members!!!

ORDEAL MEMBERS

Kyle Burmesch
Mark Burmesch
Trenton Covert
David Eber
Ben Erickson
Zach Gamble
Caden Justinger
Vincent Kabat
Luke Lawton
Wyatt Moe
Nathen Morales
Nash Nagy
Kayla Peterson
Chase Schilling
Chip Schilling
Lisa Stenslien

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

AJ Adams
Zachary Halverson
Pierce Nelson



SECTION CONCLAVE



Camp Phillips was the host site for the 2019 Section C-1B Conclave. Nearly 250 Arrowmen from the five lodges of the Section came together for a weekend filled with training, games, activities, cope courses, zip lines, blacksmithing, branding, events, patch trading, inspirational speeches, section elections, fun, and lots of fellowship. This year's theme was "Arrowmen Assemble". Our own Sam Patschull designed the patches for the Conclave. Our lodge had 8 members attend, including Pierce Nelson, AJ Adams, Todd Nelson, Toby Adams, Alex Metry, Sam Patschull, Justin Holten, and Glenn Walinski.

Next year's Section Conclave will be held at Camp Decorah on September 18-20, 2020. Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge will be co-hosting the Conclave along with Blue Ox Lodge from Rochester. More details will be coming soon. The planning has started, but the first official Council of Chiefs meeting will be January 24-25 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Conclave will be a great event that we will need all of our members to mark on their calendars. We will need everyone to help in some way in order to show the Section the greatness of Camp Decorah and the Spirit of the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge!!



SPOOK-O-REE SNACK SHACK – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26



This is our annual fall opportunity to raise funds for the Lodge by running the Snack Shack at Spook-O-Ree. This year for the Lodge it will be a ONE-day event at Camp Decorah on Saturday, October 26.

This is a great Council event for scouts of all ages with activities such as hayrides, haunted forests, scary sites, inflatables, contests, activities, and fun.

We will have our snack shack setup in the Eagle Pavilion and we will be selling hot dogs, burgers, brats, candy, chips, popcorn, hot chocolate, soda, water, and other great treats. The money raised will be used to upgrade our ceremonial regalia, lodge training, improve the OA bowl and trails, and provide an OA Coordinator position on the 2020 camp staff.

This event is just one way to show your Cheerful spirit and dedication to the Order and Scouting!!

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 26

We will start SETTING UP and getting the pavilion ready from noon to 5 PM. We NEED as many members as we can get to help move tables, set up the selling area, put up banners and signs, get machines in place, etc.

SNACK SHACK WILL BE OPEN FROM 5 PM TO 9:30 PM (Then tear down and clean up) We NEED members to work in the booth, and then help with tear down and clean up. We would love to see 8 to 10 members there from 5 pm to the end.

ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE US WILL BE APPRECIATED!!!!

Any questions or if you can sign up to help us on October 26-----contact:

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2020 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE



The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a week-long event that brings together over 10,000 of delegates from OA Lodges around the world together for training and activities. Events include training for programs, leadership, and American Indian Culture.

There are competitions, athletic events, ceremonies, cooking, American Indian dances, exhibits, OA historical museum, outdoor activities, swimming, camping displays, Goodman games, adventure, fun, fellowship and a whole lot of patch trading. There are opportunities to talk to National leaders, perform service projects and meet Arrowmen from around the world.

The evening shows are major productions held in the Michigan State arena and will include shows featuring Native American culture, awards, a theme show, guest speakers and lots of entertainment!!

WHERE IS NOAC 2020?

Michigan State University. We will stay in the residence halls on campus and eat in the school cafeterias. Michigan State has some of the best food of all the universities in the Midwest. Activities take place in campus buildings or in outdoor areas of Michigan State.

WHAT IS THE COST AND POSSIBLE ITINERARY???

Cost will be \$750 which will include NOAC registration, travel, meals, special activities to and from MSU and lodging.

There is a \$100 deposit needed with your registration. You can make your payment online or send it to Gateway Area Council, 2600 Quarry Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601.

WHAT ARE WE PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE ITINERARY?? (subject to change in 2020)

Leaving La Crosse on Saturday, August 1, 2020

Possible trip to EAA museum in Oshkosh

Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame and Stadium tour

Possible Packer practice session (if available)

Crossing Mackinac Bridge and overnight in Michigan

NOAC.....

Sunday - August 2

Breakfast and tours in Mt Pleasant or East Lansing.

Special dinner for our contingent and overnight

Monday - August 3

Check in and begin our NOAC experience.

Saturday - August 8

Leave Michigan State and head to Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum

Arrive Muskegon and tour submarine/Coast Guard ship, stay overnight

Sunday - August 9

Take ferry from Muskegon to Milwaukee

Brewers - Cubs game at Miller Park??? Home to La Crosse!!

This is going to be a great experience for all our members, but you need to get registered ASAP. Visit the online registration site or send your registration to the Gateway Area Council with a \$100.00 deposit.

Online registration link is: gatewayscouting.org/noac2020

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CHANCE TO BE A PART OF OUR CONTINGENT GOING TO NOAC—2020 at MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY!!!

GOLDEN TICKET

Registering to attend lodge events and the Section Conclave can be as easy as buying the discounted **GOLDEN TICKET**. Your unique annual patch recognizes those people who have paid up-front to the lodge. \$100 includes all 2020 OA events, which are the Annual Banquet, Wing Ding, June Ordeal, Fall Rendezvous and Ordeal, Section Conclave, and the custom NST patch. Your 2020 Golden Ticket is ONLY good for 2020 events and does not carry over into next year!!

LODGE DUES

Your Lodge dues run by the calendar year. That means it is time for all of us to renew our dues in the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge for 2020. **Dues are \$15.00.** You can pay multiple years ahead if you want. Please take the time to fill out the registration sheet on the last page of the Smoke Signal or go online and register there. It is important that all our members renew their dues, so we can re-charter our Lodge. It also allows us to update our mailing list, so you can receive all our Lodge notices and newsletters.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT 2020 CAMP DECORAH SUMMER CAMP STAFF!!



Camp Decorah is looking for summer camp staff. Any Scout 14 years of age can apply for one of the 30 positions available for the 2020 camping season.

Staff members live at camp in the newly built staff cabins, get three meals a day, make new friends, teach merit badges, give leadership to activities, plan programs, instruct hundreds of campers of all ages, and most important influence lives.

We will have a Summer Camp Lodge Chief that will be responsible for OA ceremonies held at camp, conduct unit elections, do Brotherhood talks, help with the Monday night OA ice cream social, and conduct the Friday night Call Out ceremony.

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

January 24-25	Section Council of Chiefs Meeting at Kalahari Resort
Jan 31 - Feb 1	Wing Ding and Merit Badge Day
February 1	Winter Banquet
April 17-18	Section Council of Chiefs Meeting at Camp Decorah
June 12-14	Ordeal and Brotherhood Induction Weekend
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September 18-20	Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah

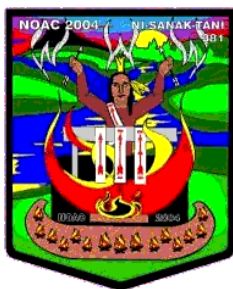
PATCH DESIGN

Help design a patch for Ni-Sanak-Tani! The lodge is planning to create a 2020 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*:

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

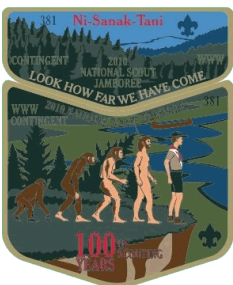


Design should be fairly colorful, but the more threads the pricier it is. As a gauge, the NOAC 2004 example is 13 colors, the Jambo 2010 set is 9 colors, and the Jambo 2013 set is 10 colors. Use of Photo chromatic (changes in sunlight) or GlowInTheDark threads add 15% to the overall cost but can be effective!

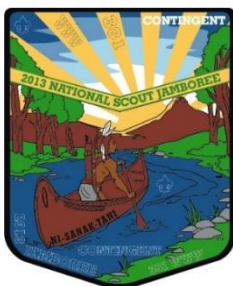
Describe multiple versions, e.g., Ghost/Blood/Night (all one thread color, white/red/black, but patterns and stitch orientation reveals the design!), and distinction(s) between Contingent (gold border) and Traders (black border).



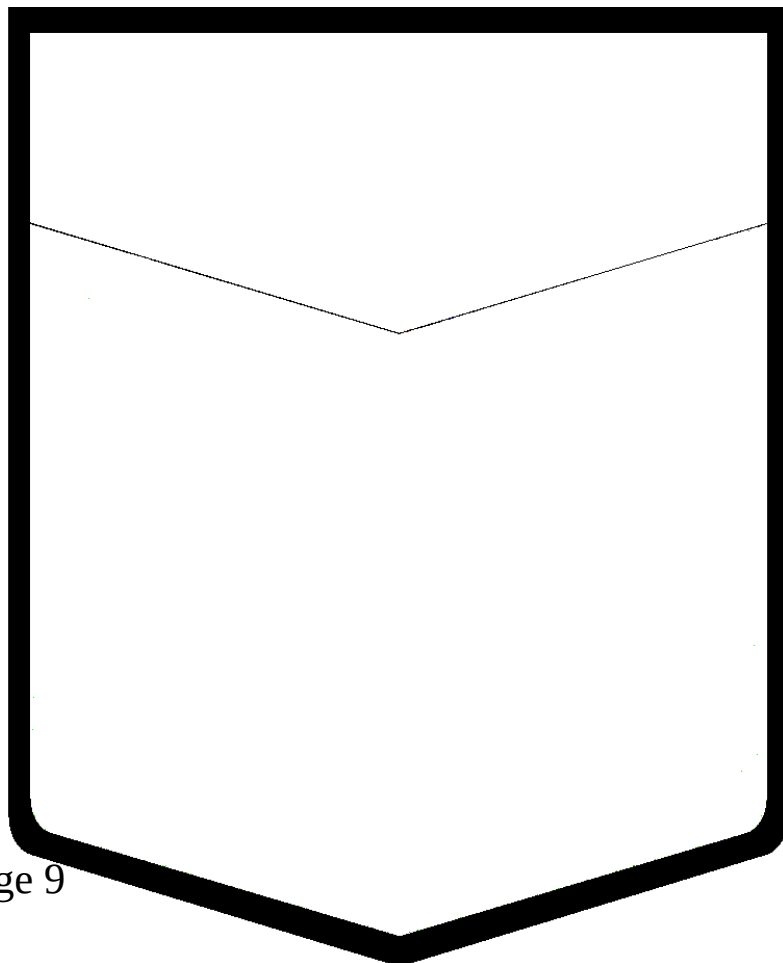
Marrow (edge stitching) can edge every piece (Jambo 2010), or the design can be "seamless" across the parts (NOAC 2004).



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.



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STAY CONNECTED

Ni -Sanak-Tani Lodge is doing all we can to keep you connected. We have Facebook and Instagram pages. You can find both by searching for NST381 or by going to facebook.com/nst381 or instagram.com/nst.381. Want to get electronic notices from the lodge for all events and viewing the latest Smoke Signal online?? Sign up to get email notices from the lodge at: remind.com/join/nstm or get SMS text messages by texting '@nstm' to 81010. (Message and data rates from your carrier might apply)



Ni-Sanak-Tani-Registration

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

Dues: (Please include list of names being paid for)

	Qty:	Cost:	Total
Youth (under 21 on Jan 1 of that year)	_____	@\$15=	_____ ***DY
Adult	_____	@ \$15=	_____ ***DA
Crew 381 B.S.A. Registration (if not registered elsewhere)	_____	@\$36=	_____ ***DR

GOLDEN TICKET _____ @\$100 = _____ ***GT
 Includes Patch, Annual Banquet, Wing Ding, Ordeals, Fall Rendezvous, and Section Conclave
Transportation Not Included

NST Yearly Events - Sign Up Early! A \$5 late fee will be charged 14 days prior to the event

Annual Banquet (February 1, 2020)	_____	@\$15	_____ ***AB
After Friday, Jan 17th \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____

Wing Ding (Jan 31 - Feb 1, 2020)	_____	@\$15	_____ ***WD
After Friday, Jan 17th \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____

ORDEALS (Check which weekend attending)

June Induction (June 12-14, 2020) _____

Rendezvous & Induction Weekend (Aug 14-16, 2020) _____

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New Candidates (Youth & Adult)	_____	@\$50	_____ ***O
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Current Arrowmen

Weekend	_____	@\$15	_____ ***O
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Brotherhood	_____	@\$20	_____ ***O
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Steak Dinner (guests)	_____	@\$10	_____ ***O
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June: After Friday, May 29th \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____
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August: After Friday, July 31st \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____
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NOAC, Michigan State (Aug 1 - 9, 2020)

Contingent Member	Deposit _____	@\$100	_____ ***NC
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NOAC Total Fee _____	@\$750	_____ ***NC
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Section C-1B Conclave (September 18-20, 2020)	_____	@\$40	_____ ***SC
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After Friday, Sep 4 \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____
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Total Enclosed	_____		_____
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“The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the outdoors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky.”

— E. Urner Goodman, founder of the OA

Upcoming Events:

Spook-o-Ree - Oct 25-26

Wing Ding - Jan 31-Feb 1

Annual Banquet - Feb 1

For More Lodge News and Information Go To:

Ni-Sanak-Tani: ni-sanak-tani.org

NST Facebook: facebook.com/nst381

Section C-1B: sectionc1b.org

Central Region: central.oa-bsa.org

OA High Adventure: adventure.oa-bsa.org