

Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge #111



***New Member's Guide
2024***

Welcome from the Chief

Dear Candidate,

First of all, congratulations! The induction weekend is not an easy journey, and all of us have had a different journey up to this point. All of you have had different challenges up to this point. Now, I am honored to welcome you into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. The road to earning your sash and flap was undoubtedly arduous, but I hope you found the experience enriching and fulfilling. This document provides insight and general knowledge about Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and its leadership in the Middle Tennessee Council. I urge you to read through it to further understand the beauty of this organization. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills, participate in meaningful service projects, and so much more. Remember, those in your unit who chose you to endure the tests of your Induction. They are in need of your service. Your journey to full membership in the order is not complete until you continue in service back to your unit for at least six months and after take part in a Brotherhood Ceremony. But don't worry, we are here with you every step of the way, and I encourage you to reach out to myself or anyone else listed in this book if you have any questions. We are thrilled that you have joined our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and hope to continue building a relationship with you soon. Keep an eye out for upcoming lodge events and service projects. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together!

Yours in Service,
Carson Patterson
2024 Lodge Chief

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Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

- To recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- To promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scouts' experience in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- To develop leaders with the willingness, character, and ability to advance the activities of their units, Scouting, and our nation.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Role of an OA Member - Lodge

The responsibility of an OA Member to their lodge can be simply put as an obligation to be active in lodge events and activities, yet there is so much more. In saying the obligation, an OA Member devotes themselves to others. In service to your unit, you are serving our lodge. In service to your chapter, you are serving our lodge. As The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, any service done for the betterment of Scouting and our communities benefits our lodge.

As an OA Member the first thing one must do is pay their annual dues. This is required to attend any of our lodge events. Next is to stay active! The best way to do that is simply by showing up at lodge events. These events are weekend campouts where OA Members will meet other OA Members from around the council! The events' information is on our website: Wa-hi-nasa.org. Lastly, if a youth lodge member wishes to further their leadership experience, they may apply to serve as a chairman on the Lodge Executive Committee.

Role of an OA Member - Chapter



Our lodge is divided into separate chapters based on the district they are located in. Each Chapter has a team of elected youth officers similar to the lodge. A chapter adviser is also appointed by the associated district. Chapters run alongside the lodge to push along programs and communication.

Chapters serve the lodge and district in many different capacities. Chapters many purposes throughout the year conducting unit elections and performing camp promotion visits. Chapters also assist in service projects, camporees, and call-out ceremonies. The chapters main purpose is serving the units within the district.

The Chapter is the most effective way to get involved in the lodge. The first step is attending monthly chapter meetings. The times of these meetings are located on the website and in this booklet. Another method of getting involved with the chapter is providing service and assisting with unit elections. In summary, the chapter is a local and easy way to begin your involvement within our Order.

Role of an OA Member - Unit

Since we, as OA Members, were selected by our peers in our units for the honor of being members of the OA, it is our chief responsibility to provide service to our unit. While the Order provides a number of opportunities that can enhance a Scouts experience within the BSA program, it is expected that each Arrowman bring those experiences back to their unit. The OA Unit Representative has a large role in this responsibility because it is their job to bring information from the Order of the Arrow back to their units so that other scouts can be involved when they become eligible. In doing this, the OA Unit Representative strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the OA. Now that you have been inducted into the Order of the Arrow, continue to broaden your horizons by accepting a higher responsibility in the lodge, take an OA High Adventure excursion, become a Brotherhood member. But don't forget those in your unit who thought highly enough of you to elect you into the OA, because they need your support.



OA Levels

You may have seen some OA Members with different-looking sashes like ones with two bars or a triangle. These are the membership levels of the OA. They should not be thought of as ranks to achieve, but instead recognitions of an OA Member's commitment to brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Ordeal

The sash bears one of the important symbols of the OA, an arrow worn across the right shoulder. This shows everyone that you are a member of the OA and marks you as a Scout that has been recognized by your peers for your service.



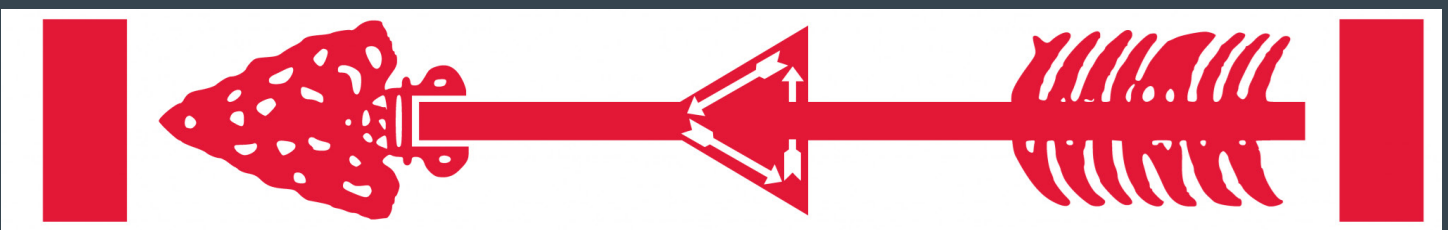
Brotherhood

Brotherhood is denoted by two bars above and below the arrow on the sash. It can be attained 6 months after your ordeal and will recognize your further commitment to the OA and test your knowledge of its tokens. It is something every OA Member should earnestly strive for to seal their induction.



Vigil Honor

The Vigil Honor is denoted by a triangle in the center of the arrow as well as the two bars on both ends of the sash. This is an honor given to OA Members after two years of exceptional cheerful service after their Brotherhood ceremony. A vigil class is chosen each year by a lodge committee and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee. The lodge can only award one Vigil honor per 50 members.



Lodge Executive Committee

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) is the governing body that handles administrative and functional duties of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. The LEC consists of youth leaders and adult advisers. The lodge officers are elected by youth lodge membership and manage teams of appointed youth in their respective areas. On the chapter level, there is a Chapter Chief elected by the youth chapter members. These positions combined make up the LEC. Only youth LEC members (under 21) have the ability to vote on lodge matters. They do that at LEC meetings which happen at the end of most major lodge events. If you'd like to attend one of



these meetings to see what they're like, you're more than welcome. The Lodge Executive Committee is looking for members to join and help in all areas. Are you interested in serving in the trading post, or you like technology and would like to help the website team, or enjoy brain-

storming fun activities for events on the program team? Maybe you enjoy theater or drama and would be interested in ceremonies. There's something for every youth and adult to get involved. If you're interested in any of these areas you can talk to the people who manage them. Their pictures are in this publication after all. Why don't you ask them about their position?

Lodge Chief



Carson Patterson

The Lodge Chief is responsible for all lodge functions and maintaining the spirit of the Order among Lodge Members. This is accomplished by leading the Lodge Executive Committee and ensuring that the Scouting program within the Middle Tennessee Council is supported by the lodge.
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David Emery

Winter Camp Boxwell



Samuel Rumbley



Seth Peterson



Samuel Rumbley



Dave Lannom

Vigil



Everett Ackley



Donald Emery



Carson C.



Greg Bone

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Construction

Belt Buckle Awards

At each Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge event, there are various areas where an OA Member can serve. Some of these areas will award Belt Buckles to those who dedicate their time in a specific area over multiple events. Earning one of these buckles is a prestigious feat. It should be noted these are subject to change at the June Induction Weekend LEC.



Ceremonies - Youth First, demonstrate, through performance, a thorough grasp of the essentials on how to conduct an effective ceremony. Second, know a complete part of a principle in an official ceremony of the Order of the Arrow (Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood). Lastly, perform from memory as part of a ceremonies team, in least eight ceremonies. Ceremonies may be Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, or Brotherhood.

Adult - Serve at least 30 hours to the lodge ceremonies committee.



Elangomat - An OA Member can earn this Belt Buckle by serving as an Elangomat at 5 Inductions.



Trading Post - This belt buckle can be earned by serving faithfully with the Trading Post staff for 5 events with the approval of the Trading Post Chair and Adviser.



Kitchen - This belt buckle is awarded after an OA Member has served in the kitchen at 5 lodge events.



Registration - An OA Member can earn this belt buckle after serving on registration staff for 5 events.



Service Crew -An OA Member can earn this belt buckle after serving on service crew for 5 events.

Vice Chief of Program



Brady Goodwin

The Lodge Vice Chief of Program oversees all program and fun events that are put on by the lodge. These are activities that focus on the brotherhood and fellowship parts of our order and keeps members engaged while providing unique scouting experiences.



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Fall Fellowship



Ethan Beaty



Matt Brown



Brianna B.



Kayla Rogers

Winter Banquet

Conclave



Lindsey F.



Bill Gregory



Danny C.



Susan Murrell

Summer Camp Cracker Barrels

Vice Chief of Chapter Operations



Ephraim Rodenbach

The Lodge Vice Chief of Chapter Operations is responsible for ensuring each chapter in the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge has an active program and is serving Scouting in its home district. This also includes organizing the unit elections process.



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Chapter Relations



Kent M.



Hartley Phinney



Cole Bone



Steve Kidd

Chapter Elections

Camp Promotions



Hannah Neal



Mikel Veneble

Vice Chief of Service



Ryan Ham

The Order of the Arrow is founded on the principle of cheerful service. The Lodge Vice Chief of Service is responsible for putting on Induction Weekends throughout the year, providing service at all lodge events, and providing service to Scouting as a whole in the Middle Tennessee Council.



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Elangomat



Langston Smart



David Brantly



Wyatt M.



Cameron Bobo

Brotherhood

Induction Weekends



Austin A.



Raymond Straughan



Alexander McClory



Jonathan Binion

Service Crew

Vice Chief of Service

Ceremonies



Blake Douglas



Billy Tindall



Nicholas C.



Ryan Mitchell

Kitchen

Section E3 Conclave 2024



Secretary



Emerson E.

The Lodge Secretary is responsible for communications within the Lodge. Through various publications and platforms, the Secretary works to help keep lodge members informed and engaged.



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Flying Eagle / Communications



John Schepmann



Toni-Lee Crawley



Jack H.



Stephen Ward

Social Media

eNews



Julia P.



Josh Hill



Nate Gervais



Katrina Hicks

New Member Guide/LEC Handbook

Secretary

Slack

Website / Tech Resources



Aiden Eisenga



Patrick Burke



Ethan Morrow

NOAC 2024



Treasurer



Patrick McClanahan

The Lodge Treasurer is responsible for setting the lodge budget for the year and making sure it is held to. The Treasurer approves the purchase of all materials for lodge programs and events to make sure the budget is balanced.

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Ren Worthington

Trading Post



Thomas W.



Randall Arnold

Event Registration



Keaton L.



Stacey Rodenbach

Founders Award



Ethan Morrow



Will Gentry

Awards

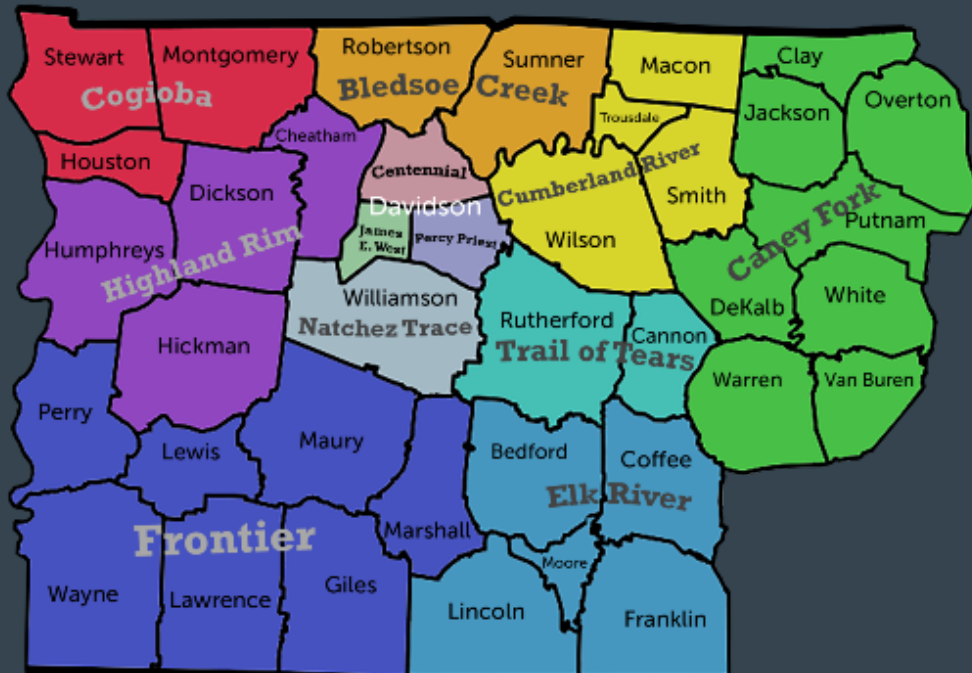


Nick Romsdal



Michelle Burk

Chapter Geography



Allagon	Highland Rim	Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman, and Humphreys Counties
Amiga Eluawit	Percy Priest	Southeast Davidson County
Anawaha	Cogioba	Houston, Montgomery, and Stewart Counties as well as Fort Campbell, KY
Chickamauga	Bledsoe Creek	Robertson and Sumner Counties
Echota	James E. West	Southwest Davidson County
Elk River	Elk River	Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln, and Moore Counties
Kithane	Cumberland River	Macon, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson Counties
Nendawen	Natchez Trace	Williamson County
Penepkw	Caney Fork	Clay, DeKalb, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, Van Buren, Warren, and White Counties
Sgohitsiqua	Centennial	North Davidson County and Downtown Nashville
Tanasi	Frontier	Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Perry, and Wayne Counties
Wdee	Trail of Tears	Cannon and Rutherford Counties

Chapter Chiefs

Allagon



Leo S.



Raymond Straughan

Amiga Eluawit



Wyatt R.



Billy Tindall

Anawaha



Victoria H.



William "Mongo" Palmieri

Chickamauga



Blake D.



Hartley Phinney

Echota



William B.



Keith Smith

Elk River



Ethan S.



Eddie Simmons

Chapter Chiefs

Kithane



Abby V.



Stacey Rodenbach

Nendawen



William B.



Meredith MaGuirk

Penepkw



Noah A.



Chistopher Weitzel

Sgohitsiqua



Nick P.



James Hicks

Tanasi



Hunter M.



Trina Parks

Wdee



Lindsey F.



Beth Hoover

The Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, WIMACHTENDIENK, WINGOLAUCHSIK, WITAHemui. I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

The OA Song

Firm bound in Brotherhood,
Gather the clan that
Cheerful service brings to fellow man.

Circle our council fire
Weld tightly every link
That binds us in Brotherhood
Wimachtendienk.

Lodge Events



Fall Fellowship – is the biggest event of the year. With fun activities, great food, and most of all the brotherhood we share, you don't want to miss this event! Fall Fellowship is the last opportunity of the year for Ordeal members to advance to Brotherhood, the only time the lodge awards the Vigil Honor, and it is when all members vote for the upcoming year's lodge officers. This year the event will be apocalypse themed! Check out Wa-Hi-Nasa socials for more information as it becomes available.

Spring Summit – Spring Summit is the Lodge's annual spring training-focused event. Filled with not only training, but competition and fun too! there is something for everyone to enjoy. The goal of Spring Summit is to make sure that all OA Members have the opportunity to be trained on the most critical parts of what make our lodge function, and cultivate a friendly competitive environment for our chapter versus chapter games.



Lodge Events



Winter Banquet – Winter Banquet is our Lodges’ annual evening of celebration and recognition. Join us in food and fellowship centered around our hand-picked interactive theme! Join us as we honor and celebrate our lodge’s accomplishments as well as recognizing the OA Members behind it. The night ends with the installing of the new Lodge leadership for the upcoming year.

Winter Camp – The Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge has the opportunity to support local Scouts and the Middle Tennessee Council annually by hosting the Winter Camp program. Any OA member is eligible to apply to serve as a member of the Winter Camp staff from December 26 -December 31 of each year; we encourage you to learn more or apply by visiting our website wa-hi-nasa.org or contacting the Winter Camp Chair at wintercamp@wa-hi-nasa.org.



Lodge Events

Conclave – Conclave is a big annual event where OA Members from all across our section come together for a weekend of training and competition. Wa-Hi-Nasa is a member of Section E3 with 8 other lodges from all over Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi. Conclave



is an incredible opportunity to learn from/party with OA Members from beyond our lodge! Typically, the weekend starts with a morning of training sessions, and an afternoon of competitions in, "The Quest for the Golden Arrow". The event is book-ended by the election of our new section officers for the year. Conclave is a can't miss experience you're sure to love!



Summer Camp Cracker Barrels every Wednesday night at summer camp at Boxwell we have an opportunity to gather for a time of fellowship with those lodge members who are attending camp. The lodge

provides dessert and snacks for all OA Members at camp. This is also another opportunity to seal your membership with the Brotherhood. This is a fantastic time for fun and fellowship.

Lodge Events



Induction Weekends – Staffing induction weekend is a meaningful way to provide service to the lodge and engage with new members. Of course, as a staffer you don't have to do the ordeal all over again. There are many different areas to serve in such as kitchen, service crew, member crew, elango-mat, and ceremonies. They are all crucial to making the first impression of our order a positive one.



2024 Calendar

March 8-10	Spring Summit
April 19-21	Conclave
May 31- June 2	June induction Weekend
July 29- August 3	NOAC 2024
August 9-11	August Induction Weekend
September 20-22	Fall Fellowship
November 1-3	Leadership Seminar / Developing Youth Leadership Conference
December 7	Winter Banquet
December 27-31	Winter Camp

2025 Calendar

March 7-9	Spring Summit
April 25-27	Conclave
May 30- June 1	June induction Weekend
August 1 - 3	August Induction Weekend
September 19-21	Fall Fellowship
December 6	Winter Banquet
December 27-31	Winter Camp

Connect With Us!

Instagram: @wahinasa
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Website: <https://wa-hi-nasa.org>
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