



# THE FLYING EAGLE

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## SPRING SHINDIG: LOST IN TIME

Have you ever wanted to visit random points in history? Or to experience all that the future has to offer? Even if you haven't and just wanted a unique, fun, and mind blowing 2021 event, Spring Shindig may be the event for you.

This year we are going back to our roots by putting high adventure, excellent programs, and cheerful service in the spotlight. The theme for this year's Spring Shindig is Lost in Time, and every aspect of the event will incorporate this theme. This will include activities such as COPE, shooting sports, meaningful service projects, and a crowd favorite, virtual reality. To add to the fun, teams will compete the entire weekend for the coveted Shindig Shield.

The event will be held at Boxwell Scout Reservation, from Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 14th, with check-in starting at 5 PM on Friday. To



To Get *Lost in Time*,

Register at

[wa-hi-nasa.org/register](http://wa-hi-nasa.org/register)

register for Spring Shindig, visit [wa-hi-nasa.org/register](http://wa-hi-nasa.org/register) before February 21st to save \$5 with the early bird fee of \$30. Alternatively, you can take advantage of the ArrowPass that registers you for all lodge events in 2021. If you miss the February 21st deadline, the regular fee of \$35 will apply until March 7th. After this date, registration will close completely. The ArrowPass is especially appealing this year, because due to COVID-19, there will be no walk-ons allowed. So, it is best to cover your bases for the

year and make sure you are registered for all lodge events! Once registered, be sure to watch your emails for the pre-event medical screening checklist and bring parts A and B of the BSA medical form ready for the event. You will not want to miss *Spring Shindig 2021: Lost in Time!*

*Nick Schultz, 2021 Spring Shindig Chairman*

## RESCHEDULED WINTER CAMP HUGE SUCCESS!

In these challenging times for Scouting, our lodge successfully staffed Boxwell Winter Camp at the end of January 2021 with 327 participants. The Middle Tennessee Council traditionally holds winter camp during the days between Christmas and New Year's Day. This year however, just one week before staff arrival in December, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued a statewide 10-person maximum gathering limitation due to the recent holiday surge in COVID-19 cases in our state. This pushed the event back one month to January 30-31, 2021. Unfortunately, more than half the registered staff was unable to

attend the rescheduled event, creating a major challenge to overcome.

As the days until the rescheduled winter camp dwindled, plans began to fall into place. Class instructors volunteered, and although there was

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# CHIEFLY SPEAKING

“The path to your ambitions is not one long race; it is a series of wind sprints that eventually covers the distance of a marathon.” -Bob Goff

My fellow Arrowmen,

As we begin this new year, it is important for us to realize that we can and will persist through this pandemic. We have incredible events like Spring Shindig coming in March, unit relations and unit elections teams hard at work for the units in our council, and weekly Wa-Hi-Wednesday social media posts to keep us updated on different lodge activities. Though the events of this past year have allowed some to act out of fear and uncertainty, we are taking each challenge that comes our way by storm. Think about your visions and goals for the year, or more simply, what will it take for you to define this year as successful?

Whether you are working on your path to Eagle, Summit, or Quartermaster, your service to the lodge, or even working as a chairman or a lodge officer, it is important for us to keep our definitions of success in the forefront of our minds. Bob Goff paints the perfect picture of what the path to our ambitions really looks like. We reach each goal through “wind sprints” that propel us to our



2021 Lodge Chief Ella Burk

next goal and eventually towards the finish line. I challenge each of you to write down what it would take for you to define this year as successful and the steps you will need to take to get to that point. This year is not going to be easy. I encourage you to find solace in that our ties of brotherhood and obligation remain unchanging, and our three tenets of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service remain true. Our responsibilities to our units and lodge as Scouts,

Venturers, Sea Scouts, chairmen, and lodge officers stays steadfast and unchanged. Those who chose us, who elected us to this Order and who elected us to the positions we now serve in, need us to lead them. I urge you to persevere through the challenges you may face this year in whatever position in which you are serving. If you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out for help.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Ella Burk*

*2021 Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Chief*

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barely enough staff for the event, 70 Arrowmen came together and delivered a successful merit badge training event. With everyone's joint efforts, the weekend ran smoothly without any major problems or setbacks. An assistant Scoutmaster from Troop 22 said, “[Winter Camp] was outstanding in content for the two [merit badge] sessions I attended with our troop.” Nuclear Science, Search and Rescue, and Personal Management among the highest rated merit badge classes.

It may not have been a traditional Boxwell winter camp, but it offered the same great training,

quality service, and clean facilities that campers have always experienced. Thanks to all the staff that made it possible. Do not miss next year's winter camp which will be back to the regular dates, and bigger than ever!



Scouts Learn Climbing Safety  
At the COPE Tower

*Dalton Phillips, 2021 Boxwell Winter Camp Chairman*

# Everything You Need to Know About Unit Elections!

What is the best season of the year? Some people love the warmth of summer, others may love the winter and all the holidays that come with it. For the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, the best season is Unit Election Season, and it is right now.

## New Goals to Thrive

Throughout 2020, the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Officers took part in Thrive Connect, a program sponsored by the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow. For over 12 weeks, youth from the lodge met with a committee of experienced Arrowmen from across the country, including former lodge, section, and national officers. The team named two areas of focus for our lodge: communications and unit relations. As the team analyzed data of lodges across the country, the goal was set for 2021 that our lodge would achieve a unit contact and visitation rate of 90% of units in our council.

## The Team Behind the Goal

Supported by capable advisers, 2021 Vice Chief of Chapter Operations Thomas Y. Thomas lead this effort and has built an extended team including a chairman for unit elections, Henry P, and a chairman for unit relations, Dylan C. Thomas's team has developed plans and tactics to communicate, to build relationships, to visit, and to conduct elections in the chapters.



Vice Chief of Chapter Operations Thomas Y.

## Nuts and Bolts

For our lodge to achieve this lofty 90% goal, Arrowmen must do more than talk the talk, they must also walk the walk. A goal with no actions is just a dream. So, what can Arrowmen in our lodge do?

1. Review the unit elections resources at [wa-hi-](https://www.wa-hi-nasa.org/unitelections)

[nasa.org/unitelections](https://www.wa-hi-nasa.org/unitelections). There are links to request an election, send election results, and nominate adults for membership.

2. Ensure that your personal unit has scheduled an election with the lodge. Talk with your Patrol Leader's Council and Troop Committee and schedule a date with your chapter.
3. For units not meeting in person due to COVID-19, the lodge can supply virtual unit election resources. Do not hesitate to request a virtual election.
4. Look to serve as a volunteer in your chapter of the lodge for unit contacts, visits, and election teams.

## "Let Us Try to Find the Arrow"

Unit Election Season, one of the best seasons in the lodge, requires a great deal of work. Achieving the goal of 90% unit visitation this year will be a journey, very much like the metaphorical journey to find the arrow at our inductions. Arrowmen across the lodge should each realize that their individual contributions to the unit elections effort are significant. These efforts and contributions will make Order of the Arrow programs available to more Scouts in the Middle Tennessee Council. Act today, and get involved! We need your help! Contact your chapter chief to see what you can do help with Unit Elections.



Nendawen Chapter Ice Cream Party 2020

# THE JOURNEY OF OUR FIRST FEMALE LODGE CHIEF

*On this historic occasion, Wa-Hi-Nasa honors and remembers the trailblazer Christine Carter of Troop 533 in Fort Campbell who was the first female member inducted into the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge in 1989. We also acknowledge Karen Baylor, Marilyn Conant, and Carol Moore as the first female members to be inducted into the Vigil Honor in our lodge in 1996. Now, Ella Burk shares her thoughts on serving as Wa-Hi-Nasa's first female lodge chief. She speaks on her experiences, opportunities, and hopes for the future of females in the Order of the Arrow.*



Lodge Chief Ella Burk

My name is Ella Burk, and I have the pleasure of serving as Wa-Hi-Nasa's first female lodge officer and now our first female lodge chief. I have enjoyed every aspect about being a lodge officer, especially collaborating with my chairmen to com-

plete our goals and having fun at our events like Spring Shindig and #WeekendToWinIt fall fellowship. I am so excited to be the first of many committed female youths in Middle Tennessee to serve our lodge, the best lodge in the nation, in such a dedicated way. My only hope is that through my tenure as lodge chief,

I can inspire more aspiring young women in our council to blaze their own trails of leadership both inside and outside of the Order of the Arrow.

My experience as a lodge officer has afforded me leadership opportunities like none other. Who else gets to say they oversaw writing an over \$100K budget at 17 years old? Not many people, for sure. The quality of people in our Order, Arrowmen and advisers alike, are uniquely different than you could find anywhere else, and I am so blessed to have the amazing friends I have made through the OA.

I am excited for what this year may bring and cannot wait to see how our female youth perform in their positions of leadership this year. I am also so proud of the Middle Tennessee Council's first inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts! Congratulations to you all, and I am eager to see what each of your futures hold.

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## LODGE ADVISER'S CORNER



Lodge Adviser Matt Brown

Arrowmen,

One of my favorite parts of the Ordeal Ceremony is at the end when the new members are told “*you will now take your places in the circle which is being widened to receive you.*” I always find this to be a joyful mo-

ment where the pillars of brotherhood and cheerfulness are on display as we make room in the circle to welcome our fellow Scouts into Scouting’s National Honor Society. The circle of brotherhood never shrinks, it only grows. Our membership may go up or down each year, but the circle always widens. There’s always room for everyone.

During this time of year, I hope you will work to prepare our circle to be widened this summer. We need your help to schedule, coordinate, and lead unit elections in our districts/chapters. We want the OA experience to come to as many youths throughout our council as possible, and they will never get it if we do not

extend to them an open hand to join. Talk with your own troop’s Patrol Leader Council and contact your lodge to schedule an election. There are opportunities to conduct both in person and virtual elections.

Why do we have the goal to widen the circle? As we continue to recover from this pandemic, Scouting continues to need the support from our Order. We encourage Scouts to continue in cheerful service and leadership to their units. We supply support to districts and camporee programs. We supply resources to our council, both financially, and with our manpower. At every level of Scouting, the OA is there to give and serve. With each step back to widen our circle and grow, the greater our potential impact to Scouting and its members grows.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the Order. Let us get as many youths elected and inducted into the Order as we can. I hope that we must take **several** steps back this year to widen the circle to receive our new members.

Yours in service,

*Matt Brown*  
2021 Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Adviser

## COVID-19 Membership Requirements Guidance

The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow has temporarily revised membership requirements guidance to accommodate barriers presented due to COVID-19. The First Class rank requirement stays the same but the following modifications to the camping requirements have been instituted:

- The limitation on counting no more than three (3) nights of short-term camping in a single month is increased to five (5) nights per month. All other requirements for virtual short-term camping eligibility remain in effect.



- The requirement for a long-term camp of five (5) consecutive nights is relaxed. While council long-term camps should be utilized if available, any combination of short-term and/or long-term nights, in camp or virtual, that are part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event held within the two years prior to election may be counted toward the 15 night requirement.

As always, the OA also relies on the discretion and professional judgement of the Scoutmaster to aid in deciding eligibility of the youth.

## OA High Adventure Awaits!

Do you crave fun? Are you hungry for close friendship and fellowship, but you just do not know how to quench your hunger? Well, look no further than OA High Adventure! Every summer, Arrowmen like you have the unique opportunity to take part in special treks at all four of the BSA National High Adventure Bases for a fraction of the regular price. Learn more about what makes our brotherhood unique, and provide cheerful service while backpacking in Northern New Mexico, canoeing the boundary waters, sailing the Florida Keys, or zip lining in the West Virginia backwoods! Registration is open now at [oa-bsa.org/high-adventure](http://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure).

Will you accept the challenge?  
#AdventureAwaits

*Chris Bartz, 2021 OA High Adventure Chairman*



OA Summit High Adventure 2018

## Conclave Rescheduled

Due to a rise in COVID-19, the Section SR6 Conclave has been rescheduled to August 13-15th at Camp Davy Crockett in Whitesburg, TN. The Section is confident August will be more favorable to host Conclave.

## Re-Register Today!

If you have not already renewed your 2021 membership, do it now! Do not miss an event packed year in the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. Join us for another year of cheerful service and brotherhood.

Renew your lodge membership for only \$16 at: [wa-hi-nasa.org/register](http://wa-hi-nasa.org/register).

You can also visit the link above to buy an ArrowPass. For the discounted price of \$140, the ArrowPass includes your membership renewal for 2021 and early bird all lodge events. The Section SR6 Conclave is not included in the ArrowPass.



## Do You Want to See Your Name in the Flying Eagle?

Do you want to be a part of one of the greatest newsletter teams in the Order of the Arrow? Great news! Submissions are open. Contact Flying Eagle Chairman Cassie Christensen at [flyingeagle@wa-hi-nasa.org](mailto:flyingeagle@wa-hi-nasa.org) to join today.

## 2021 CALENDAR

Spring Shindig, Mar 12-14, Boxwell Reservation

June Induction, Jun 4-6, Boxwell Reservation

August Induction, Aug 6-8, Boxwell Reservation

SR6 Conclave, Aug 13-15, Camp Davy Crockett

Fall Fellowship, Sep 17-19, Boxwell Reservation

Winter Banquet, Dec 4, TBD