



2023
WA-HI-NASA
LODGE
ANNUAL
REPORT



LEADERSHIP

2023 LODGE OFFICERS



Lodge Chief: Samuel Rumbley

Lodge Adviser: David Emery

Lodge Staff Adviser: Derek Maness

Chapter Operations: Brady Goodwin- Vice Chief, Dave Lannom- Adviser

Program: Carson Patterson- Vice Chief, Brad Goodwin- Adviser

Service: Hannah Neal- Vice Chief, Doug Patterson- Adviser

Secretary: Ephraim Rodenbach- Secretary, Michelle Burk- Adviser

Treasurer: Langston Smart- Treasurer, Ren Worthington- Adviser

LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Boxwell Winter Camp

Mary Nicholson, Beth Hoover

ArrowCorps 111 Task Force

Kenzie Neal, Derek Johnson

The Wheel Task Force

Ethan Morrow, Ian Romaine

Chapter Resources Task Force

Ella Burk

NOAC

Everett Ackley, Donald Emery

Vigil

Lucas Buckner, Will Gentry

Unit Elections

Aiden Eisenga, Stacey Rodenbach

Camp Promotions

Thomas Wallace, Carl Head

Unit Relations

William Black, Rebecca Phinney

Conclave

Brianna Buckner, Stephen Ward

Fall Fellowship

Brody Goodwin, Matt Brown

Spring Shindig

Carson Patterson, Brad Goodwin

Summer Camp Cracker Barrels

Nick Romsdal, Susan Murrell

Winter Banquet

Taylor Bell, Woody Hall

Brotherhood

Ben Adams, Billy Tindall

Ceremonies

Robbie Killen, Andy Verble

Elangomat

Jack Henderson, Thomas Black

Induction Weekends

Cole Bone, Paul Bennett

Kitchen

Juan Gomez, Ken Hawkins

Service Crew

Ryan Ham, Jonathan Binion

Construction Crew

Andrew Black, Greg Bone

eNews

Kaitlyn Brown, Josh Hill

Flying Eagle

Ethan Beaty, Brent West

New Member Guide

Austin Alberd, Katrina Hicks

Slack

Emerson Eige, Patrick Burke

Social Media

Everett Ackley, Mindi Bell

Website / Technology Resources

Ethan Morrow, Cameron Bobo

Awards

Jay Carrol, Tracey Rodenbach

Founder's Awards

Ella Burk, Don Miller

Event Registration

Patrick McClanahan, Steven Kidd

Trading Post

John Schepmann, Robert Rebholtz

Allagon Chapter

Austin Alberd, Raymond Straughan

Amiga Eluawit Chapter

Keegan Welch, Ken Hawkins

Anawaha Chapter

Victoria Hayes, Shannon Jones

Chickamauga Chapter

Emerson Eige, Hart Phinney

Echota Chapter

Thomas Babe, Keith Smith

Elk River Chapter

Nate Gervais, Michael Ducker

Kithane Chapter

Everett Ackley, Stacey Rodenbach

Nendawen Chapter

James Philips, Meredith MaGuirk

Penepekwa Chapter

Brenton Chaney, Andrew Berta

Sgohitsiqua Chapter

Nick Petenzi, James Hicks

Tanasi Chapter

Garrett Webster, Trina Parks

Wdee Chapter

Carson Caldwell, David Parker

PROGRAM 2023

Spring Shindig 3/10-12

Conclave 4/21-23

June Induction Weekend 6/3-5

Cracker Barrels Wed. 6/12-7/8

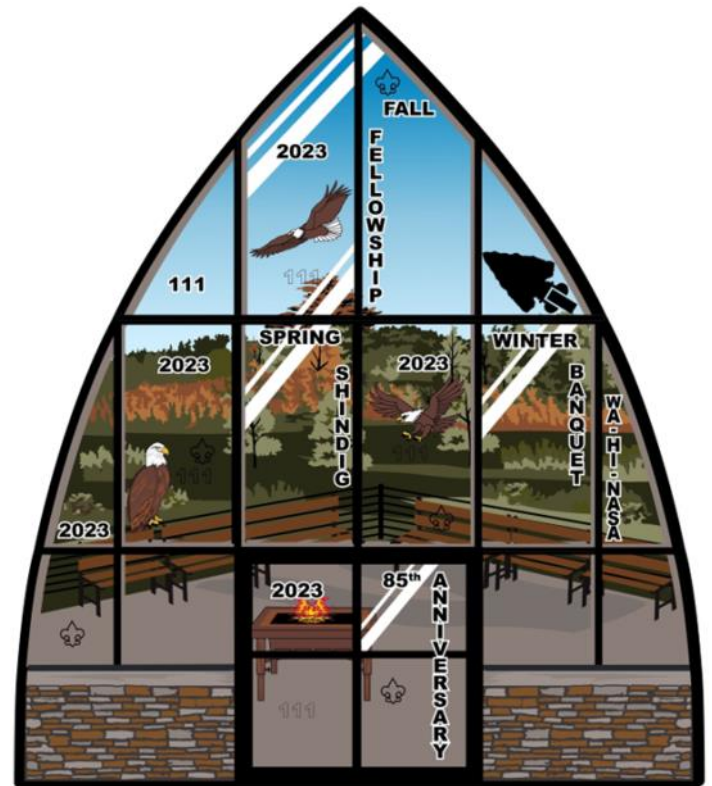
August Induction Weekend 8/4-6

Fall Fellowship 9/15-17

ArrowCorps 111 10/21

Winter Banquet 12/2

Winter Camp 12/26-31



SPRING SHINDIG

The first event of the year was a luau full of training and competition. Four different treks with three classes each were offered to lodge members: Service, Leadership, Chapters, and Mentorship.

For the first time in five years, Wa-Hi-Nasa held chapter competitions. Elk River was crowned the first holder of the 'Wa-Hi-Nasa Belt of Glory'.

E3 SECTION CONCLAVE

In April, the lodge went to Camp Yocona in Mississippi. Lodge youth placed second in the annual Quest games and the adults won the cornhole tournament and Dutch oven cook-off. Our very own Lucas Buckner was elected E3 Section Vice Chief.



INDUCTION WEEKENDS

233 new candidates were inducted in June and August.

14 ordeal members advanced to brotherhood.

In total, over 3,900 hours of service were provided to Boxwell.



FALL FELLOWSHIP

For the largest event of the year, the lodge shifted into high gear. Pinewood derby, RC car races, and a soap box race were just a few of the activities that were available. The weekend concluded with elections for the 2024 lodge officers.



STATE OF THE **BROTHERHOOD**

Total
Members

853

New Ordeal
Members

233

Unit Elections
Performed

92

Youth Ordeal
Induction Rate

76%

New Member
Activation Rate

45%

Youth Member
Retention Rate

68%

TRAINING MEMBERS

Spring Shindig

158 lodge members attended a training session at Spring Shindig in one of four treks: service, leadership, chapters, and mentorship.

Lodge Leadership Development

70 Lodge Executive Committee members attended the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) course at the beginning of the 2023 year for training in their chairmanship or advisement role.

SERVICE TO SCOUTING



4,600
Hours of
Service

Service lies at the heart of the Order of the Arrow, embodying the Scout Oath's commitment to helping others. In our lodge, service is not merely a duty; it is a profound expression of character and leadership. Through countless hours dedicated to community projects, camp improvements, and assisting fellow Scouts, our lodge members exemplify cheerful service. As we reflect on our collective efforts, let us celebrate the spirit of giving back that defines our Order and inspires a legacy of positive change.



193
Units
Served

At Induction Weekends, lodge members took on many different projects at Boxwell:

- Erosion control at the Lodge
- Built trails across camp
- Set up and took down tents and cots
- Removed brush and litter
- Fixed tent platforms
- Installed AC units in Cubworld
- Painted ladders at waterfront

OA members from Wa-Hi-Nasa have served in various Middle Tennessee Council events:

- Boxwell Summer Camp
- Boxwell Winter Camp
- Wood Badge
- Powder Horn
- University of Scouting
- National Youth Leadership Training



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District
Events
Supported

ARROWCORPS 111

In October, members of Wa-Hi-Nasa came together at Parish Reservation for a service project, with the purpose of supporting MTC camp properties. A total 456 hours of cheerful service were put towards renovating trails and creating an orienteering course.



WINTER BANQUET AWARDS

Chapter Awards

Thriving Chapters:

Allagon, Amiga Eluawit,
Anawaha, Echota, Elk River,
Nendawen, Sgohitsqua,
Wdee

High Performing Chapters:

Chickamauga
Kithane
Penepekwa
Tanasi

Excellence in Ceremonies:

Chickamauga

Highest Brotherhood

Conversion:

Elk River

Service to Scouting:

Elk River

Service to Lodge:

Kithane

Lachpikin Award:

Chickamauga
Kithane

Most Improved:

Chickamauga



Service to the Lodge

Our lodge puts on many different events that require a lot of helping hands. Wa-Hi-Nasa awards belt buckles as a special recognition for those who contribute significant time and effort in essential but often overlooked areas.

Ceremonies:

Blake Douglas
Emerson Eige
Liam Alexander
Wyatt Mitchell
Kent Mattena
Robbie Killen
Kalea Worthington
Victoria Hayes
Andy Verble

Trading Post:

William Black
Ephraim Rodenbach
Thomas Wallace

Kitchen:

Juan Gomez
Luis Gomez
Lucas Hernandez
Dakota Burton
Leo Straughn
Bim Tudor
David Brantly
Angie Albred
Heather Cowles
Ryan Mitchell

Elangomat:

Brianna Buckner

Service:

Ryan Ham
William Cowles
Jonathan Binion

Registration:

Ephraim Rodenbach
Patrick McClanahan
Keaton Lougee
Taylor Bell
Steven Kidd
Dave Lannom
Mindi Bell
Robert Rebholtz
Marvin Bell
Stacey Rodenbach

Excellence in Ceremonies

This award recognizes a youth member of the Lodge for outstanding contributions to lodge ceremonies through outstanding performance and ceremony management.

Emerson Eige

Josh Sain Memorial Award

The Josh Sain Memorial Award is given to both youth and adults for service to the lodge. These individuals not only work without being asked, but they also go the extra mile in seeking areas to serve and work.

Nick Romsdal
Brody Goodwin
Ephraim Rodenbach
Billy Tindall
Will Gentry

Unsung Arrowman

This award is presented to a youth member who has stood out by making substantial contributions to the lodge yet has held no position.

William Cowles

Tom Parker Memorial Award

This award is given to recognize both promoting camping opportunities and best demonstrating the spirit of the Order while serving on summer camp staff.

Kent Mattena

Flying Eagle

The Flying Eagle Award was created by former Lodge Adviser Ray Capp to recognize those who provide unique service to the Lodge throughout the year.

Everett Ackley
Kenzie Neal
Derek Johnson
Beth Hoover

Founder's Award

This national award recognizes service that mirrors the Order of the Arrow's founders Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Col. Carroll A. Edson, making the ideals of Scouting a true pillar of life. In the words of Uncas: For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest.

Samuel Rumbley
Dave Lannom

Howard B. Olson Lifetime Achievement Award

The Howard B. Olson Lifetime Achievement Award is an award given to those who demonstrate a lasting positive impact on our lodge over an extended period of time. It is not given out annually but when deemed necessary. It was originally named the Lifetime Flying Eagle Award but was renamed in 2007 to honor former lodge adviser and longtime lodge member Howard B. Olson who was one of the first to receive this award and who's legacy still lives in us today.

Craig Salazar



RECOGNITIONS

Vigil Honor

The Vigil Honor is a special recognition conferred upon OA members by a committee of youth members for outstanding service to the Lodge. To be considered for the Vigil Honor, members must be registered, active Brotherhood members for at least two years. Honorees are called out each year at Fall Fellowship.

Langston Smart, Hannah Neal, Austin Alberd

Cole Bone, Nick Romsdal, Ethan Beaty

Kenzie Neal, James Hicks, Trina Parks

Greg Bone, Derek Johnson

Jonathan Binion, Ren Worthington

2022 MTC Scout of The Year

The Middle Tennessee Council Scout of The Year Award recognizes Scouts that demonstrate exceptional Scout spirit, leadership, heroism, community service or citizenship, either in his/her Scout unit or personal life.

Hannah Neal

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award recognizes noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local office.

Doug Patterson

Latimer Award

The Latimer Society Award was created to honor those who have given exceptional service and dedication to our council camps, whether a volunteer, a professional, or a group.

Robert Guisinger

2023 National Alumnus of the Year

The National Alumnus of the Year Award is given for exemplary service to the alumni movement on a national level. One award is presented annually.

Dr. Ian Romaine



THANK YOU



Trading Post - Kitchen Staff - Elangomats - Registration - Ceremonies - Construction - Service Crew - Volunteers

As we conclude another year of remarkable achievements within our lodge, it is with heartfelt gratitude that we extend our sincerest thanks to each and every one of you who dedicated your time, energy, and passion to the various facets of our service. From the bustling activity of the Trading Post to the heartwarming hospitality of the Kitchen, the precision of Registration, the passion of Ceremonies, the support of Elangomats, the commitment of our Construction and Service Crews, and the countless other roles undertaken by our incredible volunteers, your collective efforts have woven the tapestry of our success.

Your selfless contributions have not only elevated the lodge experience for all but have also left an indelible mark on the ideals of service, leadership, and brotherhood that the Order of the Arrow holds dear. Your commitment to making a positive impact on our community and enhancing the Scouting journey for all is truly commendable.

In the spirit of the Arrow, your willingness to go above and beyond has strengthened the bonds that tie us together as a unified brotherhood. Our achievements are a testament to the dedication of individuals like you, and for that, we express our deepest appreciation.

Thank you for embodying the true spirit of service and for being the driving force behind the success of our lodge. Your enthusiasm and commitment are the bedrock upon which the Order of the Arrow stands, and we look forward to another year of shared accomplishments.

Yours in Scouting,
2023 Lodge Officers

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Dear Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge,

It is with profound honor that I address you for the final time as the outgoing Lodge Chief. The past year has been a journey of growth, service, and shared accomplishments, and it brings me great joy to reflect on the collective achievements of our Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge in 2023.

Our focus on enhancing the candidate experience during the induction weekend has been at the forefront of our efforts. We meticulously reviewed our ceremonies program, fine-tuned induction weekend schedules with candidates in mind, and revamped communication strategies for more effective outreach. The result was a more immersive and meaningful experience for all involved.

I am thrilled to announce that our Lodge has experienced significant growth, welcoming over 100 new members into our Wa-Hi-Nasa family. This growth is a testament to the commitment and enthusiasm of each individual within our community.

Beyond our Lodge boundaries, our commitment to service strengthened our relationship with the Middle Tennessee Council. Notable among our initiatives was the revival of ArrowCorps 111 at Parish Scout Reservation, a day that saw an astounding 456 service hours dedicated to making a lasting impact on our community.

In the spirit of the Order of the Arrow, we are called to embody servant leadership. As we move forward, let us carry this spirit back to our units and communities, becoming servant leaders in every aspect of our lives. Remember that "those who choose you need you," and by supporting one another, we strengthen the bonds that make our Lodge a true brotherhood.

Closing with the inspirational words of Isaiah 40:31 (NIV): "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." As we face the future, let us wait on the Lord, drawing renewed strength and soaring like eagles in our commitment to cheerful service.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your unwavering support throughout the year. This gratitude extends not only to me but also to the 2023 Lodge Officers, the 2023 Lodge Executive Committee, and the entire Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. Your support has been invaluable, and I am sincerely grateful for the collaborative effort that has made this year a resounding success.



Yours in Cheerful Service,

Samuel Rumbley

Samuel Lee Rumbley
2023 Lodge Chief