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CHRIS SNODDY, SPRING SHINDIG, CONCLAVE, WINTER CAMP, & MORE

SPRING SHINDIG

Welcome to Spring Shindig!

A wild ride lies ahead of you this weekend! First, we will be having some radical training Saturday morning! The training is broken up into different treks, and each trek consists of three gnarly classes that are forty-five minutes each. Later in the evening, there will be chapter competitions for the first time in 5 years! Be sure to give your all in support of your chapter in the four different games. Lastly, Saturday night will be Wa-Hi-Nasa's first Luau, full of hula hooping, conga lines, and even limbo! Have fun and don't forget to hang loose!

Service Trek

- Class #1 - Ceremonies
- Class #2 - Arrow Corp
- Class #3 - Elangomat Training

Chapters Trek

- Class #1 - Running a Chapter Meeting
- Class #2 - Conducting Unit Elections
- Class #3 - Running a District Event

Leadership Trek (YOUTH ONLY)

- Class #1 - Fundamentals of the OA
- Class #2 - Team Building
- Class #3 - The Power of YOU

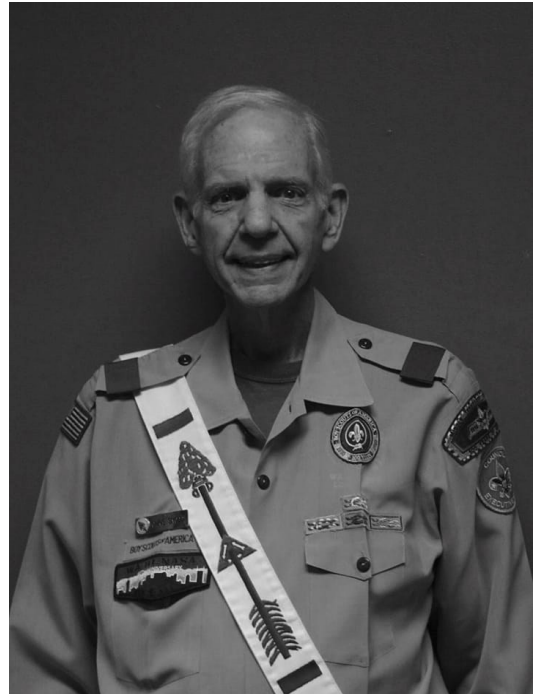
Mentorship Trek (ADULT ONLY)

- Class #1 - Mentoring the Chris Snoddy Way
- Class #2 - New Adult in the OA, What do I do?
- Class #3 - Lodge Adviser Forum

Stick around for chapter competitions!

- Pineapple Carving
- Beach Volleyball Keep-it-Up
- Island Fishing
- Blindfolded Coconut Bowling

REMEMBERING A LODGE LEGEND



Chris Snoddy "Lodge Defender"

Chris was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for nearly 55 years. As a youth he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was awarded the Vigil Honor. Middle Tennessee Council recognized Chris with its highest award, the Silver Beaver, in 1995.

In our lodge Chris served as the 1976 Lodge Treasurer, the 1979 Flying Eagle Newsletter Editor and the 1980 Publications Chairman when he created the Council's first *Where To Go Scouting Guide* for all troops in Middle Tennessee Council. He went on to serve as the Lodge's Secretary Adviser in 1983, Associate Lodge Adviser from 1992-1994 and the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Adviser in 1995. Chris has served as Associate Lodge Adviser since 1996 where he has most recently led the charge for major upgrades to the Order of the Arrow Lodge building at Boxwell Scout Reservation in Gallatin, Tennessee... *continued on page 4*



What has been your favorite OA event to attend?

My favorite event to attend as an OA member has to be my first Fall Fellowship or my first Conclave. I remember right after my induction, one of Kawida's lodge officers invited me to register for Fall Fellowship that year, enticing me with a Hogwarts-esque experience (save any copyright laws). I scavenged around camp all day for puzzle pieces and patches with my team, where I eventually met some of my core life mentors and best friends.

My first Conclave was only a 5-hour drive away at a camp I had never been to before (exciting part #1). By the end of the weekend, I had learned its layout like the back of my hand, and even found some secret trails some summer campers may not have known about. Having not even been in the OA for a year, I got to compete in the drum competition (exciting part #2) where I placed second. Conclave was wildly different from any lodge event I'd been to, and that statement holds to this day. The Saturday night show really sums up the weekend, because it really is a show (exciting part #3). The skits, the awards, and the free things thrown out into the crowd of over 400 people is a night I know I won't forget.

How did you first get involved as a new Arrowman?

The very next event after my Induction, I knew I wanted to be behind the scenes on the ceremony that had just floored me with its content, execution, and cool-ness. I asked my lodge chief at the time, Trey, and he brought me to a drum team practice where we learned the history of the art, and how to make it significant in a ceremony. Since then I've stood as almost every principle in each ceremony, my very first one being Kitchkinet in the Pre-Ordeal. That role struck a chord with me, and one of his lines is "Lift your thoughts like sparks." That line is now at the end of almost every email I send or letter I write because It's true: Innovation happens when you share your ideas. Creativity happens when you express your thoughts. And a bond of brotherhood is formed when you *lift your thoughts like sparks*.

What is one piece of advice you have for a new Arrowman?

One piece of advice I have for any Arrowmen is: to get involved. Learn as much as you can from those around you, because the OA lets you meet thousands of other people you otherwise would not. One of my advisers works for Meta, and we chat weekly about back-end development or the technology sector...

When you get involved in the OA, you'll be exposed to more opportunities than you can handle, and learn things you never thought you'd need to know. Without the OA, I never would've discovered my love of peacefully mopping an empty dining hall as scouts drive home after an amazing weekend of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:1

My Brothers in the Wimachtendienk,

Hello and welcome to Spring Shindig! I am excited to be here this weekend for development and competition. We've got some very exciting instructors ready to share with you, and I am hopeful that you will have a great time at this event.

As we learn about some of the core tenants of the Order of the Arrow this weekend in our training, I'd like to share with you some themes in common with those in the Bible. In Romans 15, Paul is speaking to those of multiple different backgrounds. He encourages the people he writes to serve and go along with the interests of other people, even if they might differ from their own.

The unique part of this is that the OA teaches a similar concept of developing young people in cheerful service and leadership to others. For example, Dr. Goodman writes about how "...all [who complete their Ordeal] may learn the true significance of cheerful service."

One part about service that I have found enjoyable is that helping others, helps yourself. Committing yourself to a life of service is one that you will find to benefit yourself and others. Service might help you get connected with other people, can be good for your mental health, and can be a fulfillment to a part of your life. Whatever the reason you serve is, I can guarantee that it helps others, and that should be the most important reason.

I thank you for the service that you have personally done, and the service that I know you will perform in the future. I encourage all of us to deeply consider these concepts as we go about our time in Scouting and beyond in our personal lives.

Yours in Service,

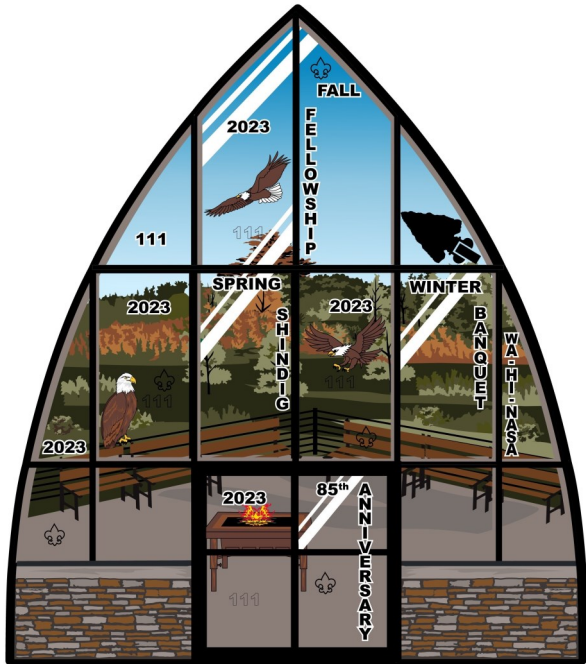
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2023 Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Chief



85th Anniversary Patch Set



To commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge there will be a special back patch set available! Each event piece can be worn separately and can be acquired at the event it pertains to. The entire patch set will be given to all Arrowpass members.

UNIT ELECTIONS

Last year we were able to contact 90% of units in the council, and this year our goal is 100%!

To help encourage chapters to meet this goal, the lodge is offering a prize to the first chapter to:

- 1.) Contact all units in their district, AND
- 2.) Schedule all of their elections



As a reminder, all unit elections need to be scheduled before May. Schedule them at Wa-Hi-Nasa.org/unit-elections.

Good luck!

ADVISER'S CORNER

It has been a difficult last couple months, dealing with the passing of Chris Snoddy. His loss has affected all of us heavily and will not soon subside. His constant presence at lodge events, always available and always the first to jump in to help, will be greatly missed. For me, it was the mentorship and wonderful stories of lodge history from Chris that I look back on. Over the 85 years of Wa-Hi-Nasa, only about a third of that time has the lodge not been directly impacted by either Howard Olson or Chris Snoddy. Yet we continue moving forward, bonded together with the memories of success and wisdom from knowing both of those great men.

How do we continue the legacy of Chris Snoddy? I can think of two ways. The first is to recognize someone you know who has made an impact on you. Tell them how much you appreciate their support and how much they mean to you. Or, do you see someone who is actively trying to make a difference? Is there someone who is serving in a thankless role, or someone who is trying their hardest? Take the time to recognize them. Write and mail a notecard, talk with them at an event, nominate them for an award. Continue to lift one another up like eagles.

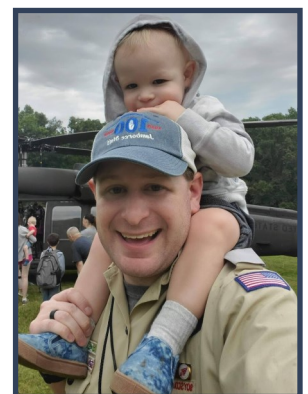
The next is to seek additional ways to serve in Scouting. What opportunities are there for you to support your unit or district? Is it assisting in a role that directly mentors the younger Scouts in your unit, or can you help in putting together an ILST/C/S for your district that impacts multiple units? Chris Snoddy's service to the lodge was unparalleled, but it was his involvement and support of other facets of Scouting that helped the lodge as much as his direct service. By supporting our units and districts, we are building the foundation for a stronger lodge in the future.

It is by actively performing both of these that we become good stewards of the lodge and Scouting in middle Tennessee. Passing along the same great experience we had to those who come after us. Brother Snoddy would be proud.

Yours in Service,

David Emery

2023 Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Adviser



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He served in too many youth and adult positions to enumerate. Chris was a recipient of the Allogagan Award and the Josh Sain Memorial Award for outstanding service. He was the first recipient of the National Founder's Award in the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, was recognized in 2007 with Howard B. Olson Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 with the Section Service Award.



Chris' national service to the Order of the Arrow goes back to the 1979 National Order of the Arrow Conference where he served on the youth Conference Committee. And interestingly at the 1981 NOAC, he was the escort for Louise Goodman Auler, the wife of the then recently deceased founder of the Order of Arrow, where he coordinated her appearances and local travel including nightly ice cream parlor trips. For many years he was a youth member of the Region OA Committee. In more recent years, Chris has served as the Southern Region Quartermaster responsible for the logistics of shipping region-owned equipment to region events throughout the year. When near his home, Chris has served as the Cracker Barrel Lead (a large fellowship gathering) for many National Leadership Seminars (NLS) and Developing Youth Leader Conferences (DYLC) to provide everything from wings, banana splits, and baked potato bars. In all, Chris staffed more than 9 National Order of the Arrow Conferences, countless NLS trainings, and held numerous section

leadership positions as both a youth and adult. Chris always delivered more than was expected for every job he accepted. In 2015, he was recognized with the national Centurion Award for his 35 years of service in the Order of the Arrow.

Chris received the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2013 and has chaired the Middle Tennessee Council's Selection Committee for the award since 2019. Chris received his 50-year Pin for service to Scouting in 2018.

Despite his many recognitions, it is important to note that much of the time Chris served in the background to make others successful. Nicknamed the "Lodge Defender" in Wa-Hi-Nasa, Chris was deeply engaged on the lodge level and took very seriously the responsibility of looking after the legacy and ensuring the success of the youth he advised. Chris was a close mentor to countless lodge and section officers, at least 3 region and national vice chiefs, and 3 national chiefs. He was a steady guiding hand, that listened to the youth, gave great advice, and was always willing to do whatever was necessary to support the youth of the Order in their undertakings.

Memories

Contributed to by Craig Salazar, Brad Goodwin, and Ray Capp

I have known Chris since I was 13 years old, and he was 21 (1980). In the Boy Scouts, Chris was my first adviser and he led me into my lifelong journey with the Boy Scouts of America. However, Chris was much more than just an adviser. He was a mentor, a leader, a friend, and a brother to me. And he was all of these things in the most selfless of ways for me and for many others.

Chris received many honors, but he never did anything to receive an accolade. He did it because he had a heart for service. It was who he was. He held a constant passion to make things better and to make those around him successful. I never felt like he stopped mentoring me. Not in a bad way, but in a humble caring way.

I don't think that I ever saw Chris sit still. Sure, he would sit with me and others and talk but he always had an agenda. Something needed to be done and he was working on it, and we all had some small part. Or maybe it was just a quick one-on-one to offer some thoughts on a situation or a simple word of encouragement or advice. I remember many phone calls that just abruptly ended with.... "bye", and he was gone. When the business was done, he was on to the next project. That was Chris.

Chris was a man who cared for everyone in his life. With over 1,000 people attending his celebration of life and hundreds more online, it is obvious that he made an impact on everyone he met. I can only strive to follow his example and care for people in the way he did. -Craig Salazar

As a youth in the OA I had done a few things such as served as chapter chief, a lodge chairman, and staffed a few lodge events. But then I had earned Eagle, started college, and thought my days of Scouting had come to an end. The fall of my freshman year at MTSU, our friend Josh Sain passed away. We were in the same troop and Josh is who got me started in Scouting. At his memorial, Chris Snoddy came up to me and said he had missed seeing me around the OA. Now, I knew who Chris Snoddy was, everybody did. I didn't think however he knew me, but Chris was the kind of person who made it a point to get to know new members. I don't even recall speaking with him prior to that moment. He went on to encourage me to get back to being active in the lodge and we had a good conversation about how scouting impacts your life and gives you direction. I took his advice, and from that point on became very active in the lodge.

Chris was also my adviser for a class I taught at NOAC when I was a youth. He suggested that I prepare a PowerPoint and have a paper backup if the computer didn't work. Not only did he print out my power point slides, he had them laminated! Once at NOAC, Chris insisted that we do several run throughs of the class to practice, he even recorded us and made us watch it together, and then gave advice on public speaking and how to improve the class. Videoing a presentation may not be a big deal these days, but in 1998 there were no iPhones, so that meant Snoddy had to pack a large VHS camcorder, that was large enough to have a suitcase of its own, along with a large tripod, lug it around NOAC just so his youth was fully prepared for his training session. Chris then reminded me that this was a national event and there was a high standard for execution, but more importantly I was also representing the great Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, and therefore perfection was expected.



What made Snoddy unique is that everything he did had a purpose and was intentional, and the biggest intention he ever had was to motivate, encourage, and prepare young Arrowmen for life, by giving them opportunities, guidance, and perspective along the way. Looking back now, most of my life long friendships have been made through the Order and none of this would have happened without the compassionate support and advice from Chris Snoddy. His legacy on the lodge will continue for years due to his intentional purpose to make a positive impact on every single person he came in contact. I know he made one on me. *-Brad Goodwin*



I have been a member of four Order of the Arrow lodges, one in each Boy Scout Region, at various times since 1965. When my older son, Clay, and I first arrived at his first Order of the Arrow event, Mr. Snoddy met with me to immediately extend a warm welcome to this "new Dad" and look for a task that might best use my skills for the greater mission and at the same time one which would get me engaged with other members, so that I would have a purposeful experience as well as get to know many people. I have never in almost six decades been welcomed so thoroughly to a new place as I was to Camp Boxwell that summer night by Mr. Snoddy.

It is pretty certain that that gracious and warm extension of fellowship on the part of Mr. Snoddy towards us is responsible for my continuation of involvement with the Order. He later went on to reach out to my younger son, Peter, and has frequently visited our

home, always with a positive message, and usually with a kind gift of some type. We have since made the BSA and the Order a major part of our family life.

You may have noted that I refer to our departed brother as Mr. Snoddy. Years ago, this was because it was appropriate for our boys to show that kind of respect to him. But as they became adults, the name has stuck for him, further to acknowledge the debt our family owed to him and to set him aside as the one person our family persists in remembering that way.

Mr. Snoddy got life right, and we honor him and wish him eternal rest from a life of serving others. *-Ray Capp*

RECAP **WINTER CAMP**

Ella Burk WINTER CAMP CHAIRMAN

Our 20th Annual Winter Camp was a huge success! We had a true Winter Camp this year since there was a few inches of snow on the ground at the beginning of the week. Although the snow delayed our Staff's arrival to camp, the weather didn't stop us from having loads of fun! Our *Sky is the Limit* theme led to lots of never-seen-before activities at Camp including a fly-over at one of our flag raisings, a jumbo paper airplane contest, hot-air balloon making, and numerous new merit badges being taught, one of which being the Aviation merit badge, and so much more. We offered welding, cowboy action shooting, and a handgun safety course to list a few. Winter Camp wasn't only fun for our Scouts, though! We had lots of unique activities available for our adult leaders, too. Another exciting thing about Winter Camp 2022 is that we had the largest group of Staff since 2017 and the largest group of campers since before the pandemic! We had the privilege of hosting over 600 people at Boxwell Reservation each day, comprised of our staff of over 100 Arrowmen who delivered our program to over 500 campers. We couldn't do Winter Camp without the help of our amazing volunteer Staff, and we would love to have everyone who came and helped at Camp come back this next year. Staffing Winter Camp is a great way to make lifelong friends in the Order of the Arrow and to showcase what OA involvement looks like to younger Scouts. We're looking forward to lots more fun at Winter Camp 2023 under the leadership of Thomas Yarbrough, so stay tuned later this year for more information regarding the new theme and how to get involved!



UPCOMING

CONCLAVE

April 21-23



Register now at Wa-Hi-Nasa.org
Early bird ends March 19th

If you crave fellowship with your lodge members and would be thrilled to meet Arrowmen from other lodges within our section, (E3) Conclave 2023 is the event for you! Conclave will be held April 21-23 at Camp Yocona in Randolph, Mississippi. Conclave starts with a Friday night festival with games, fellowship, and an exciting Friday night campfire. Saturday morning Arrowmen will attend various trainings that can be signed up for. Trainers will share skills to improve Arrowmen in areas such as lodge/chapter leadership, ceremonies teams, service, and more. The skills taught in the training sessions are meant to improve skills for those who wish to succeed in not only the OA but in their unit and personal life as well. Saturday afternoon is the annual Quest for the Golden Arrow. Quest is an adrenaline rush of excitement and camaraderie as w in the section. Saturday night campfire showcases awards, music, and skits. Sunday morning will have the election of new Section E3 leadership. Conclave also features purchasable items including patches, food, drinks, shirts, etc. The trading post will contain items inaccessible to those who do not attend Conclave 2023, so be sure to bring some money along.

INDUCTION WEEKENDS

Register as a member for induction weekends and help out by being an Elangomat! Elangomat-ing is a unique and rewarding experience, and everyone who serves will also gets an Elangomat t-shirt and great food.

Induction Weekends are June 2-4 and August 5-6

If you are interested in becoming an Elangomat be sure to checkout class #3 in the service trek here at Spring Shindig. Jack Henderson, the Elangomat Chairman, will be teaching all participants the ins and outs of guiding candidates through induction weekend.

Be sure to keep up with E-News and the Flying Eagle for more information regarding Induction Weekends and becoming an Elangomat.



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