

2024 WA-HI-NASA LODGE ANNUAL REPORT



2024 LODGE LEADERSHIP



Lodge Chief - Carson Patterson

Lodge Adviser - David Emery

Lodge Staff Adviser - Nick Trogdon

Chapter Operations - Ephraim Rodenbach (Vice Chief) & Dave Lannom (Adviser)

Service - Ryan Ham (Vice Chief) & Paul Bennett (Adviser)

Program - Brady Goodwin (Vice Chief) & Derek Johnson (Adviser)

Secretary - Emerson Eige (Secretary) & Robert Rebholtz (Adviser)

Treasurer - Patrick McClanahan (Treasurer) & Ren Worthington (Adviser)

LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Winter Camp

Samuel Rumbley, Seth Peterson

Vigil

Samuel Rumbley, Dave Lannom

NOAC

Everett Ackley, Donald Emery

Construction

Carson Caldwell, Greg Bone

Spring Summit

Brady Goodwin, Derek Johnson

Fall Fellowship

Ethan Beaty, Matt Brown

Summer Camp Cracker Barrel

Danny Chalk, Susan Murrel

Winter Banquet

Brianna Buckner, Kayla Rogers

Conclave

Lindsey Fox, Bill Gregory

Chapter Relations

Kent Mattena, Hartley Phinney

Unit Elections

Cole Bone, Steve Kidd

Camp Promotions

Hannah Neal, Mikel Veneble

Induction Weekends

Austin Alberd, Raymond Straughan

Elangomat

Langston Smart, David Brantly

Brotherhood

Wyatt Mitchell, Cameron Bobo

Kitchen

Nicholas Cottrell, Ryan Mitchell

Ceremonies

Blake Douglas, Billy Tindall

Service Crew

Alexander McClory, Jonathan Binion

Flying Eagle

John Schepmann, Toni-Lee Crawley

Website

Ethan Morrow

Social Media

Jack Henderson, Stephen Ward

eNews

Julia Piel, Josh Hill

New Member Guide

Nate Gervais, Katrina Hicks

Slack

Aiden Eisenga, Patrick Burke

Trading Post

Thomas Wallace, Randall Arnold

Event Registration

Keaton Lougee, Stacey Rodenbach

Awards

Nick Romsdal, Michelle Burk

Founders Award

Ethan Morrow, Will Gentry

Allagon Chapter

Leo Straughan, Raymond Straughan

Amiga Elauwit Chapter

Cypress Guidry, Billy Tindall

Anawaha Chapter

Victoria Hayes, William Palmieri

Chickamauga Chapter

Blake Douglas, Hart Phinney

Echota Chapter

William Babe, Keith Smith

Elk River Chapter

Ethan Simmons, Eddie Simmons

Kithane Chapter

Abbey Valentin, Stacey Rodenbach

Nendawen Chapter

William Black, Meredith MaGuirk

Penepekwa Chapter

Noah Argo, Christopher Weitzel

Sgohitsiqua Chapter

Nick Petenzi, James Hicks

Tanasi Chapter

Hunter McMilian, Trina Parks

Wdee Chapter

Lindsey Fox, Beth Hoover



2024 WA-HI-NASA PROGRAM

Spring Summit	3/8 - 3/10
Section E3 Conclave	4/19 - 4/21
June Induction	5/31 - 6/2
Summer Camp Cracker Barrels	6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3
NOAC	7/29 - 8/3
August Induction	8/9 - 8/11
Fall Fellowship	9/20 - 9/22
Winter Banquet	12/7
Winter Camp	12/27 - 12/31



SPRING SUMMIT

Spring Summit 2024 was a huge success, with 165 attendees, 6 trainings across 3 colleges, 7 chapter games, and 2 tournaments. Lodge members from across the council competed and represented their chapters in various events. Festivities ended with a Christmas party featuring *Elf*, a cookie bar, and costumes. Before heading home, we had a special presentation from the returning guest, Macho Man, presenting Chickamauga with the Belt of Glory!



SECTION E3 CONCLAVE

Conclave 2024 was an event to remember! Held at Camp McKee in Jeffersonville, KY, Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge members competed, learned about our section, and elected new Section officers, including our very own Hannah Neal! The event also offered a great opportunity to connect with nearby lodges and get a sneak peek at what is in store for Conclave 2025.

SUMMER CAMP CRACKER BARRELS

This summer during the "Boxwell Olympics," the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge hosted "Christmas at Boxwell" to showcase fellowship among members from the lodge and around the country. Each week, we hosted more than 75 members, bringing an amazing program and experience to everyone in attendance!



NOAC

This past July, over 6,000 OA members gathered for the National Order of the Arrow Conference at CU Boulder in Colorado! The week was packed with patch trading, training, friendship, and unique Scouting experiences. Each participant had the chance to craft their own unique experience, all while enjoying spectacular nightly shows featuring our national officers.



INDUCTION WEEKENDS

The June and August Induction Weekends were a huge success, welcoming 254 new members to Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. In addition to adding new members to our lodge, the Induction Weekends provided countless hours of service to Boxwell and the lodge as a whole. Candidate crews helped prepare for Summer Camp, repair tents, and clean up camp while member crews tackled various cleanup and repair projects.



FALL FELLOWSHIP

Fall—Fellowship CONTINGENCY was a success! The weekend featured valuable lessons in CPR, radio, archery, tomahawk throwing, and individual preparedness, along with fun activities like escape rooms and a decontamination race. Cracker Barrels included hazard bingo and E-Prep Jeopardy. Thanks to all the Scouts who came ready for the apocalypse, and as always, be prepared!



STATE OF THE LODGE

**Total
Members** **922**

**New
Ordeal
Members** **254**

**Unit
Elections
Performed** **100**

**Induction
Rate** **80%**

The Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge provided \$2,700 in camperships to youth members to attend national OA events.

AWARDS

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.

*Patrick McClanahan Ryan Ham Paul Bennett
Everett Ackley Ethan Morrow*

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.

Samuel Rumbley

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.

Austin Walter

First Year Arrowman

This award recognizes Arrowmen who, within their first year of lodge membership, show dedication to their unit, Scouting, and the Order of the Arrow through completing a set of requirements.

*Ben Morrow Jeff Morrow Vanessa Zook
Matthew Long Isaac Wood Shawn Cowles*

Excellence in Ceremonies

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

Blake Douglas



BELT BUCKLES

Registration Belt Buckle

- Beth Hoover
- Danny Ray
- Lynn Ray
- Toni-Lee Crawley
- Isaac Hicks
- Caleb Tapp

Trading Post Belt Buckle

- Randall Arnold
- Aiden Eisenga

Service Crew Belt Buckle

- Austin Walter
- Jeff Walter
- Connor Hill
- Josh Hill
- Andrew Miller
- Alexander McClory

Ceremonies Belt Buckle

- Stephanie Hayes
- Noah Argo

Elangomat Belt Buckle

- Austin Gersman
- Elle Lolas
- Charles Patrick Burke
- James Phillips IV
- Marina Rooley
- Samuel Rumbley
- Langston Smart

Kitchen Belt Buckle

- Nick Cottrell
- Abigail Valentin
- David Brantley
- Trina Parks

Flying Eagle Award

The Flying Eagle Award recognizes those who provide unique service to the Lodge throughout the year.

*Brianna Buckner Victoria Hayes
Ryan Mitchell Jeff Morrow*

James E. West Fellowship Award

This award is a national recognition for individuals who financially contribute to their local council endowment fund.

Samuel Rumbley Bill Gregory

OA Legacy Fellowship

This award recognizes James E. West recipients who further support Scouting by contributing to the National OA Endowment Fund.

Robert Guisinger

Section E3 Silver Turtle

This award recognizes outstanding service on the section level for youth and adult members.

Ella Burk

Founders Award

This 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.

Brady Goodwin Michelle Burk

CHAPTER AWARDS

Service to Scouting

- Nendawen

Service to Lodge

- Kithane & Chickamauga

Excellence in Ceremonies

- Chickamauga

Most Improved

- Wdee

Highest Percentage of Brotherhood

- Allagon

Highest Election Percentage

- Kithane

Chapter PMP - Thriving

- Echota - Amiga Elauwit

- Elk River - Nendawen

- Penepekw

Chapter PMP - High Performing

- Anawaha - Chickamauga

- Allagon - Sgohitsiqua

- Kithane - Tanasi

- Wdee

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.

Kent Mattena - Hard-working Cowboy
Brianna Buckner - Determined One Who Is Able
Everett Ackley - Guardian Spirit of the Forest
Emerson Eige - Willing Guard
Patrick McClanahan - Prepared Sky Traveler
Wyatt Mitchell - Shepard Who Instructs
Victoria Hayes - Diligent Guide Who Gives Back
Nicholas Cottrell - Active Cook Who Makes Others Happy

Andrew Oppmann - Blue One Who Enlightens
Stephanie Hayes - Firemaker Who Creates With Hands
Jeffery Walter - Watchman Who Dresses Well
Keith Smith - One Who Lifts Up
Dr. Jim Felch - Doctor of Clear Waters
William Rush - Wise One Who Gives Back
Raymond Straughan - Bearded One Who Delivers
Chris Weitzel - Tall One Who Strengthens



THANK YOU



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

As we look back on another great year for Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, we want to take a moment to thank all of you who gave your time, effort, and passion. Whether you helped at the Spring Summit, worked during Induction Weekends, made Summer Cracker Barrels a success, or volunteered at Fall Fellowship, your dedication has been a key part of our success this year.

From the Trading Post to Ceremonies, the Kitchen to Registration, and all the other areas where you served, each of you has made a real difference. Your hard work and commitment to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow have helped make our lodge a place of brotherhood, service, and leadership.

We are truly grateful for everything you've done to support the lodge. Your contributions help build a stronger community, and we could not have had this year's success without you. Looking ahead to the coming year, we are excited to continue working with such a dedicated group of people. Together, we will continue to serve, grow, and live out the values of the Arrow.

Thank you once again for your hard work and for all that you do for our lodge. We can't wait to see what we achieve together in the year ahead.

Yours in Service,
2024 Lodge Executive Committee

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Dear Wa-Hi-Nasa

To all of our members, advisers, officers, Council Of Chiefs, and Lodge Executive Committee, thank you. I am frankly at a loss for words on how to put my gratitude on paper. If you were to tell me five years ago that I would have the chance to lead this lodge, I would call you crazy. On the car ride home after my first couple events, my dad would always say, "If you get Kitchen Chair then you can get Lodge chief then you can get Section Chief THEN you can get National Chief!!" I would look at him in disbelief. In my fourteen-year-old mind, I was totally content with serving in the kitchen for the rest of my time in the Order. Yet through my advisers, I found it worth my while to challenge myself.


Now as I look down the mountain I have climbed and reflect on this journey, through it all, I would count all the battles, successes, and failures, beneficial to this journey. I consider each misstep, wrong turn, and slip necessary in my walk. It is these trials that build true character. Some may say I have succeeded because of the titles I have achieved. No, I have succeeded because of the relationships I've created, the lessons I have learned, and the journey I have shared. For what does it profit a person to gain a position, but lose themselves in the process.

In my time in the order, hundreds of members have come and gone, but only 7 people have held the position of Lodge chief. Should we count the other hundreds of members that have come and gone as unsuccessful? No, success is so much more than the title before your name; it is the experience, the journey.

To the members, I hope you find your success in the smiles and laughs that you all share along your journeys. To all the advisors, I hope you find your success in the youth you have helped foster. To my COC and LEC, I hope you find your success through the people you have led and the great tasks you have accomplished. Finally to my officers and future officers of this lodge, I hope you find success in things beyond your role in our lodge. Chiefs will come and go in our lodge. People will come and go in your life. Through it all, remember to love one another. John 13:34.



Yours in service,



2024 Lodge Chief

Carson Patterson
2024 Lodge Chief