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SPRING SUMMIT

Welcome to Spring Summit!

My name is Lindsey Fox, and I am your 2025 Spring Summit Chairman! I want to personally thank you for joining us this weekend. As the Spring Summit chair, my goal was to bring a little



goofy time to an already exciting lodge event. Some highlights to look forward to include the chapter games, where you can compete for the coveted Belt of Glory, an amazing panel featuring talented Arrowmen from our Section, and our Mad Hatter Tea Party, filled with crazy hats and goofy dancing!

I would like to extend a special thank you to my key staff and my adviser, Cameron Bobo, who have truly made my vision come to life. Without each one of them, Spring Summit would not be possible. Thank you, Key Staff, and thank you, Arrowmen, for giving me the opportunity to serve you with enthusiasm!

Have fun, and don't forget to follow us down the rabbit hole!

- Lindsey Fox
2025 Spring Summit Chair

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Fellow Arrowmen,

As we enter this exciting new year, I'm thrilled to see the energy and dedication our Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge has always embodied. Together, we can make 2025 a year of service, fellowship, and personal growth.



First, I would like to tell you a story about my journey. I remember my induction into the Lodge as a young Scout, nervously standing in line with a backpack nearly as big as I was. The lodge chief at the time approached me, introduced himself, and took a few minutes to chat about my goals and interests. His kind words and encouragement made me feel seen for the first time in my Scouting journey. I have strived to be that welcoming face for others, ensuring they feel the same sense of belonging that I did.

I encourage us to remember the principles that united us: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Look for opportunities to be a friend to others, whether in your troop, chapter, or community. A kind word, a helping hand, or simply taking the time to listen can go a long way in making someone feel valued and seen.

One simple gesture can bring someone out of the deepest point in their life. In times like these, remember the admonition and love one another. My father once told me that a single smile or helping hand can change someone's entire day—a truth I've seen repeatedly in the Order.

Let's make this year one to remember by recommitting to the values of our Order. Together, we can accomplish great things.

"The light you bring into this world is beautiful, irreplaceable, and needed." - Twloha

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ephraim Rodenbach
2025 Lodge Chief



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E3 CONCLAVE

Are you ready for an out-of-this-world adventure and a weekend of competition? Conclave 2025 will have all that and more! Taking place at Camp Buck Toms in Roane County, Tennessee, this Space Cowboy-themed weekend will be held from April 25-27. Friday night will feature check-in and fellowship with the lodge. Saturday morning will start with trainings, which will then lead into an action-packed afternoon. Lodges will go head-to-head in the Quest for the Golden Arrow.

Throughout the day, there will be open activities for all to participate in, such as the Section Trading Post, patch trading, and some fun open games. Saturday night we'll gather around the campfire where awards and skits will be presented, followed by a lodge cracker-barrel afterward!

Sunday morning will feature the election of new Section E3 leadership! We'd love to have you all there for this epic weekend!

- Wyatt Mitchell
2025 Wa-Hi-Nasa Conclave Chair

INDUCTION WEEKENDS

Induction Season is just around the corner! The induction weekends are a great way to cheerfully serve the lodge alongside current and future Arrowmen. Throughout these weekends, participants can immerse themselves in various service areas, each vital to creating a memorable experience. The kitchen is always open to helping hands. If you enjoyed your own ordeal weekend, you can help candidates enjoy theirs as an Elangomat, guiding them through the weekend. Alternatively, if you prefer working behind the scenes, the Service Crew gives you the opportunity to help ensure the candidate crews have all the materials they need. Ceremonies is always looking for new Arrowmen to help out, and it's a great way to make a lasting impact on the potential Arrowmen.

Mark your calendars for the induction weekends, which will take place from May 30 to June 1 and August 1 to 3. The induction weekends are not just events; they are a chance to embrace the spirit of the lodge while welcoming new Arrowmen into our brotherhood.

- Chelsea Neal
2025 Induction Weekends Chair



A LOOK BACK AT WINTER CAMP 2024

Boxwell Reservation was the launchpad for an interstellar adventure as Scouts from across Middle Tennessee gathered for Winter Camp 2024 from December 27-31. Organized by the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, Order of the Arrow, this entirely youth-led and adult-advised event blended the rugged frontier spirit of the Wild West with the cosmic wonders of deep space under the theme "Galactic Frontier."

A Camp Like No Other

With over 150 dedicated staff members and volunteers, Winter Camp ran smoothly, offering an array of thrilling activities, engaging merit badge sessions, and unforgettable campfire experiences. Scouts braved the winter chill with an abundance of enthusiasm, camaraderie, and Scout spirit.

Adventure at Every Turn

Scouts had the opportunity to earn merit badges in Space Exploration, Astronomy, and Wilderness Survival, among others. But beyond the traditional lessons, camp-wide challenges brought the theme to life:

- Cow Scavenger Hunt – Scouts scoured camp to find hidden ducks, proving that every space cowboy needs a trusty duck companion. Top trackers earned recognition at campfire.
- Cardboard Spaceship Race – Troops put their engineering skills to the test by designing and racing home-made spacecraft. Some soared, some sank, but all provided plenty of excitement.
- Brotherhood – 56 members sealed their membership in the OA by going through the Brotherhood Review process during Winter Camp.
- Camp-wide Games – A mix of fun and skill-testing activities kept Scouts engaged, including: Barrel Blast, Water Snake Relay, and Da Vinci Bridge

Additionally, Scouts participated in exciting shooting sports activities such as Recreational Shotgun, Cowboy Action Shooting, and Muzzleloading, offering a taste of frontier-era marksmanship.

Meanwhile, adults engaged in valuable training programs including an aquatics training, Adult CPR, Climb on Safely, and Learn to Weld.

Campfires and Camaraderie

Each evening, the entire camp gathered under the stars for themed campfires that set the tone for the adventure. The opening campfire ignited the excitement, while the closing ceremony provided a send-off worthy of an intergalactic frontier crew. With skits, songs, and plenty of laughter, these moments solidified Winter Camp as more than just an event—it was an unforgettable experience. The Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge played a vital role in fostering a sense of brotherhood among Scouts and leaders, ensuring that the spirit of the Order of the Arrow was present in every aspect of camp.

Mission Accomplished

As Winter Camp 2024 drew to a close and Scouts packed up their gear, one thing was clear: this year's adventure was one for the record books. A huge thank-you goes out to the staff, volunteers, and Scouts who made this experience possible. Until next time, keep your hats on and your eyes to the stars!

- Samuel Rumbley
2024 Winter Camp Chair



ADVISER'S CORNER

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside 24 hours." - Mark Twain

Spring, the official season of warming temperatures, longer days, blooming flora, track and field, and unit elections. Unless you've been living under a rock, you've heard a push on getting the word out to schedule and perform unit elections. Elections are an extremely important function of the OA to start the induction process of bringing in new members. Just as equally important though, unit elections are a form of direct outreach from the lodge to units and one of the greatest tools we have to help impact units directly. Our first responsibility as OA members is to our unit. Collectively, we as a lodge should be focused on what we can do to support units within our council. One of the best ways to do so is to begin a conversation with the unit on bringing something of value when a chapter visits for an election. This can be the election team providing a Scouting game or helping new Scouts learn a Scouting skill. Give units a reason to want us to come back; show them that we're here for more than just putting a sash on people.

Yours in Service,
David Emery
2025 Lodge Adviser



2025 LODGE EVENTS

- **Spring Summit** March 7 - 9
- **E3 Conclave** April 25 - 27
- **June Induction** May 30 - June 1
- **Summer Camp Cracker Barrels** June 11, 18, 25, July 2
- **August Induction** August 1 - 3
- **Fall Fellowship** September 19 - 21
- **Arrowcorps** October 11
- **Winter Banquet** December 6
- **Winter Camp** December 27 - 31

