



# THE FLYING EAGLE

WA-HI-NASA LODGE 111

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## Fall Fellowship

It's about that time Arrowmen! The 2025 Wa-Hi-Nasa Fall Fellowship is underway. Don't miss out on new t-shirts, lodge and chapter officer elections, a Rock'n' Roll fun run, chapter competitions, karaoke, and maybe even a lodge officer rock concert!



This year, the chapter with the highest percentage of attendance will earn points in our chapter competition at Fall Fellowship, so don't forget to encourage your fellow chapter members to come and help your chapter win!

New members will receive a discount on registration for this event only, so don't forget to register on the website or app! We'll see you at Boxwell from September 19th - 21st! LET'S ROCK'N'ROLL!!!

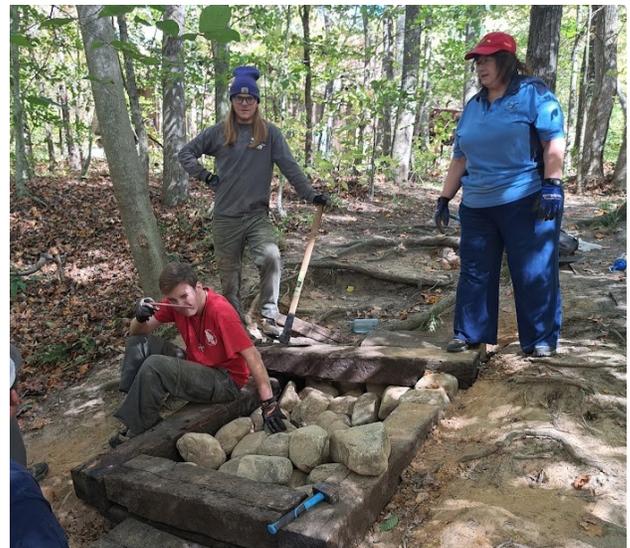
Danny Chalk  
2025 Fall Fellowship Chairman

## ArrowCorps 111

Howdy y'all! My name is Ethan Steffensmeier and I am the ArrowCorps 111 Chair for 2025. I'd like to personally invite you to ArrowCorps 111 on October 11th, 2025! We will do conservation work at Grimes Canoe Base, such as restoring campsites, addressing erosion, and rebuilding a section of fence! You will earn an ArrowCorps lodge flap and lunch is provided!

Registration is free, but you must fill out the Google Form found on the ArrowCorps page of the Lodge website. If you'd like to cheerfully serve Grimes Canoe Base and immerse yourself in fellowship with your brothers, sign up for ArrowCorps 111!

Ethan Steffensmeier  
2025 ArrowCorps Chairman



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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Flying Eagle



## ***Winter Camp***

Winter Camp is your chance to connect with Arrowmen and have a blast serving the council. Grab your Viking helmets, battle axes, and torches to get ready for this Viking Voyage. There are plenty of ways to serve this year. No matter where you staff, you will have a great time. Prepare for a Viking Voyage at Winter Camp! Join our team by

filling out this form! Check out the exciting service opportunities listed below.

### **Program Team**

- Show your Scout spirit and enthusiasm
- Bring the camp theme to life through activities
- Foster teamwork and camaraderie

### **Service Crew**

- Support camp operations and staff needs
- Play a vital role in keeping camp running smoothly
- Build strong team connections through service

### **Kitchen Crew**

- Work in a fun and fast-paced environment
- Gain valuable culinary and teamwork skills
- Help create memorable meals for campers

### **Conservation Crew**

- Serve Boxwell through hands-on conservation projects
- Learn important environmental preservation techniques
- Work as part of a dedicated team to protect nature

### **Trading Post Staff**

- Provide campers with essentials and souvenirs
- Create a welcoming and friendly shopping experience
- Gain customer service and retail skills

Hannah Neal

2025 Winter Camp Chair

## ***Allagon & Anawaha Joint Chapter Meeting***

The idea came about during Allagon's planning meeting. We were trying to get ideas for a fun outing to do before the summer started, and my Vice Chief, Matthew Pyle, had the idea to go to the City Forum in Clarksville. I immediately thought of the friends I have in Anawaha, and had the idea to make it a joint Chapter event. From there, we reached out to the Anawaha leadership and made it happen. I had a great time, doing mini golf, go karts, and laser tag. We also went to Sonic afterwards, and hung out there for a while. If I were to do it again, but do one thing differently, I would want to bring more of Allagon with me! Those of us who went had a great time. I would definitely say this was the most fun I've ever had at a Chapter event, and we are already working on planning another joint Chapter event for after summer.

David Allen

2025 Allagon Chapter Chief

# Awards Nominations

Each year, our lodge honors members who have gone above and beyond in serving the lodge through a series of special awards presented at our annual Winter Banquet in December. With the exception of the First-Year Arrowman Award, all awards require a nomination. If you know a fellow Arrowman who deserves recognition, we encourage you to submit a nomination.



Nominations can be made by visiting our lodge website under the "about us" tab, or by scanning the provided QR code and completing a nomination form. You can also find a list of past recipients for each award on the website.

Below is a list of awards that may be presented by our lodge:

**First-Year Arrowman Award** - Complete a set of requirements within their first year of joining the Order. To apply for this award, fill out the application and submit it to awards@wa-hi-nasa.org. Applications are due the night of September 30th.



**Josh Sain Memorial Award** - Named in remembrance of the 1997 National Vice Chief, Josh Sain, this award recognizes Arrowmen for exceptional service to their chapter and lodge. Nominations are due by October 16th.

**Unsung Arrowman Award** - This award is presented to one youth member in the lodge who has devoted time and efforts to the lodge despite never holding a lodge position. The recipient must attend 80% of Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge events within the last two years. Nominations are due by October 16th.

**Tom Parker Memorial Award for Excellence in Camp Promotions** - This award recognizes a lodge member for outstanding contributions for camp promotions at the chapter or council level. Nominations are due by October 16th.

**Excellence in Ceremonies Award** - This award recognizes a youth member of the lodge who demonstrates outstanding performance in both lodge and chapter ceremonies. Nominations are due by October 16th.

**Founder's Award** - Awarded by the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who best exemplify the qualities described by the founder of the Order, Dr. E. Urner Goodman. Nominations are due by September 20th.



## Chapter Ceremonies

Greetings brothers, I wanted to use this article to potentially sway some of you towards starting your own ceremonies teams within your chapter. As someone who's been doing ceremonies for the past three years, I can say with confidence that I've loved what I do with other members of my chapter. In my personal opinion, there are so many reasons why I firmly believe you should consider doing the same. In the time I've been doing ceremonies, I've grown closer with each of the members of my team, to the point I would call them close friends. Ceremonies are also going on at almost every event, so there's always a need for more teams. Additionally, ceremonies provide candidates with their first impression of the Order and our Lodge, which makes them all that much more important to introducing new members to the OA. If you have any further questions about creating a chapter team, please feel free to reach out to me, and I'd love to discuss it with you.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Andrew Verble

# Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

As we move into the final quarter of the 2025 Lodge calendar, it is amazing to think about how much we have accomplished together. As of the writing of this article, we are quickly approaching our goal of 1000 Lodge members. We have inducted over 200 new Arrowmen and have made countless memories.

As we near the end of 2025, we are nearing the lodge leadership elections. This is a time to look within yourself and consider if you are ready to step up in the spirit of cheerful service. One of my favorite stories of leaders comes from the series Band of Brothers (you should definitely watch it). In the show, there is a character called Richard Winters, who fought as a paratrooper during the D-Day invasions in 1944.

During the landings in Normandy, when Winter's commanding officer was killed during the chaos, leadership unexpectedly fell to him. With no time to prepare, Winters had a choice: freeze or step up. He chose to lead.

Winters organized a daring and successful assault on a German artillery position in Normandy, despite being vastly outnumbered and under-equipped. His actions saved countless lives and became one of the most studied small-unit attacks in U.S. military history.

But what made Winters a hero wasn't just tactical brilliance; it was the quiet, humble way he carried out

the task of leadership. He didn't ask for it. He wasn't sure he was ready. But he showed up anyway, trusting that doing the right thing in each moment would be enough.

As you consider stepping into a new role within the Lodge this upcoming year, I challenge you to contemplate what impact you will leave on the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and your fellow Arrowmen. Only you can decide when you're ready to lead. How will you leave your legacy?

No matter where you are from or what your last name is, you are capable of amazing things within Scouting and the OA. I encourage you to think deeply about your future, because remember, your fellow scouts elected YOU into our Order.

If you ever need any advice, I am always here. Let us always lead in the spirit of fellowship and service. Thank you all for an amazing year so far!



“When you're called to lead, you won't always feel ready. But showing up is the first act of leadership.”

— Brené Brown

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Ephraim Rodenbach  
2025 Lodge Chief

## Adviser's Corner

“Businesses that grow by development and improvement do not die.” - Henry Ford

Attending the National Council of Chiefs with Ephraim in July was an eye-opening experience. The intention behind the conference was for lodge leaders across the country to remove barriers and obstacles that lead to newly inducted members walking away from the organization. Every facet of the training and activities were designed to grow membership in the Order, as we know that youth active in the OA are engaged in the Scouting program longer than their peers. And as a mentor once said, “show me an organization not growing and I'll show you an organization that's dying.”

We've been fortunate that Wa-Hi-Nasa has grown steadily in membership in the years since 2020. Most lodges across the country, on the other hand, have not been so fortunate. We've also seen locally just how impactful it can be when units aren't growing or retaining members. The best impact we can make on Scouting in Middle Tennessee is to continue doing the right things that make participation in the lodge the most engaging opportunity possible. Ask fellow OA members in your unit, are they registered in the OA for 2025? Are they planning on attending Fall Fellowship, and if not, what will it take to get them to attend? These simple acts will help keep Wa-Hi-Nasa strong next year and in the years to come.

Yours in Service,  
David Emery  
Lodge Adviser

