



THE FLYING EAGLE

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WELCOME TO JUNE INDUCTION!

BY BRIANNA BUCKNER

There is something special about an Induction Weekend in the Order of the Arrow. For our new members, it is the beginning of a journey centered on brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. For our returning members, it is another opportunity to give back and help create an experience that leaves a lasting impact.

To those who have just joined our lodge, welcome! You are now part of a tradition much larger than yourself, one built by Scouts who chose to lead through service and strengthen the bonds of Scouting through fellowship. We are excited to see the energy, ideas and leadership you will bring to Wa-Hi-Nasa.

To our current members, thank you for the countless hours you dedicate to making these weekends meaningful. Whether you are helping behind the scenes with logistics, guiding candidates through their first OA experience or simply offering a friendly conversation, your work shapes the future of our lodge.



After a weekend of hard work, Saturday Cracker Barrel gives us all a chance to relax, share fellowship and build friendships that will last long after the weekend ends.

Take the time to meet someone new, welcome our newest members and celebrate what makes our brotherhood so strong.

Thank you all for the service and spirit you bring to our lodge. Our final Induction Weekend of the year is coming up Aug. 7-9, and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish together. Until then, keep serving others and strengthening the bonds of our Brotherhood.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



The Order of the Arrow is constantly changing.

One of the most significant ways our Lodge changes is our inductions. Every year around 200 people who have never been involved with the OA before are introduced to what we have to offer. It is vital that the impression we make on them is a good one.

Our demeanor, our program, and even our publications. One of you newly inducted members may be reading this very article. If that's the case then great, because the rest of this is for you.

The question many are left with after completing the induction is "what now?" There are actually a lot of answers to that question. The OA has something for everyone; from filling out spreadsheets to chopping down trees, there is a place for you.

I was inducted in August of 2021. My crew consisted of around 8 people including myself. I am the only one that stayed past Fall Fellowship that year. I think back on that experience as a reminder that it is everyone's responsibility to make the OA a welcoming and worthwhile place to be.

I stayed because there were people who took the time to mentor me and listen to me. My chapter is the reason I kept coming back. More specifically the bonds I quickly made because they appreciated my company as a person. If no one has told you this yet, whether you've been in the OA for 24 hours or 24 years...

We want to have you here! The OA as an organization is dependent on new members to stay the best it can be. The nature of scouting makes the OA a revolving door that takes in anyone and spits out developed leaders. Once those leaders grow up and use the skills they learned from scouting and the OA to make a successful life, they may take their children and experience it all again. This time as an adult. This is the cycle of scouting. It is also the reason why it is crucial that we, in the present, keep the OA the reason why scouts want to stay in scouting.



CONCLAVE 2027
LIGHTS. CAMERA. CONCLAVE!
APRIL 16-18, 2027
AT BOXWELL RESERVATION

ADVISER S CORNER

“Those who choose you, need you.”

That simple idea says a lot. The Scouts who elected you into the Order of the Arrow didn't just recognize you—they're counting on you. They still need you in your troop, leading, helping, and setting the example.

As Induction season gets underway, take a moment to think about what that really means. And as we welcome new Arrowmen, let's not just tell them about servant leadership—let's show them. Be the one who steps up. Be the one others can count on. At the end of the day, what you get out of the OA really does come down to what you put into it.

Lord Baden-Powell said, “The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”

That's what the OA is all about. During Induction weekends, candidates will give cheerful service to camp, and many of you will be right there alongside them—building, fixing, improving, and helping make Boxwell even better for the Scouts who come after us.

Remember, you were chosen for a reason. Your fellow Scouts saw something in you—they saw someone who lives the Scout Oath and Law.

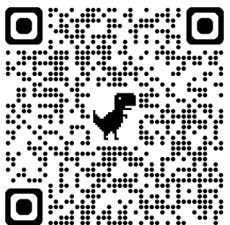
So ask yourself:

Are you showing that every day?

Are you bringing a cheerful spirit to what you do?

And most importantly:

Is Scouting making a difference in you, or are you making a difference in Scouting?



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RODENBACH RECEIVES SILVER TURTLE

BY DAVID ALLEN



Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge member Ephraim Rodenbach has been recognized with the Section E3 Service Award, honoring his continued leadership and dedication to the Order of the Arrow.

A Vigil Honor recipient and Eagle Scout, Rodenbach has served Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge in multiple key roles, including Lodge Secretary, Lodge Vice Chief and Lodge Chief. His leadership has helped guide the lodge through a period of growth and engagement.

At the section level, Rodenbach has contributed through work in the trading post and has spent the past two years supporting Section E3's social media efforts, helping expand communication and outreach.

The award reflects his sustained commitment to service and his impact both within the lodge and across the section.

WHAT IS NLS AND DYLC?

BY BRAEDEN SCHIMPF

In the Order of the Arrow, we have two leadership development courses for youth and adults. They are called National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and the Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC).

These courses are weekend-long events that are hosted by our region.

The organization of the course is very similar to the NYLT and Wood Badge courses, with sessions hosted by staff, which consist of section chiefs, national officers, and lodge officers. While in the course, you will learn about communication, making ethical decisions, and understanding your leadership style, as well as how to work and grow with Arrowmen who have different styles.

These courses have developed many people, including current national officers, section officers, and even our lodge's officers.

The region is hosting a course within our section Oct. 2-4 at Camp Buck Toms in Rockwood, Tennessee! Many of our own lodge members have already registered, so if you want to level up your leadership, go to the NLS page on the national website.





LOOKING BACK ON CONCLAVE 2026

BY VANESSA VARGAS

This year's E3 Conclave was an unforgettable experience filled with energy, team work, and plenty of fun, even in less-than-perfect weather. Despite steady rain throughout much of the weekend, participants showed incredible spirit and enthusiasm, making the event a major success.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Quest Games. Everyone gave it their all, competing in a variety of challenges that tested teamwork, skill, and determination. Through perseverance and strong collaboration, our contingent proudly earned 2nd place in Quest Games, a testament to everyone's hard work and dedication.

Another big part of the Conclave experience was patch trading. This year, patch trading was very sufficient, with plenty of opportunities to connect with others, swap patches, and build friendships across different crews. A standout in the trading scene was the Wa-Hi-Nasa flaps, which quickly became some of the most popular and sought-after items of the weekend. Their demand added even more excitement to the trading experience and made them a highlight for many participants.

Overall, E3 Conclave was a huge success, full of memorable moments, new friendships, and achievements to be proud of. The weekend showed what Conclave is all about, leadership, service, and having fun together, no matter the circumstances.



2026 LODGE CALENDAR

JUNE INDUCTION WEEKEND
MAY 29-31, AT BOXWELL

SUMMER CAMP CRACKER BARRELS
JUNE 10, 17, 24 AND JULY 8 AT BOXWELL

AUGUST INDUCTION WEEKEND
AUG. 7-9 AT BOXWELL

FALL FELLOWSHIP
SEP. 18-20 AT BOXWELL

MIDDLE TN COUNCIL JAMBOREE: ARROWCORPS 111
NOV. 6-8 AT BOXWELL

WINTER BANQUET
DEC. 5

CHAPTER REPORT: ANAWAHA

BY MADELYN PIGG

Over the past several months, our chapter has been active in both skill-building and service, providing Scouts with opportunities to grow as leaders and strengthen their outdoor abilities.

We began with a successful day camporee, where Scouts focused on essential skills including knots, lashings, Leave No Trace principles, and completing key rank requirements. It was a hands-on experience that reinforced core Scouting values while encouraging teamwork and outdoor confidence.

During our monthly meetings, Arrowmen have taken an active role in leadership development. We have worked on communication strategies within troops, explored ways to encourage greater participation in camping, and practiced techniques to make troop meetings more engaging. These sessions also included preparation for Conclave, helping Arrowmen build confidence and leadership presence.

Our Green Bar program, open to all Scouts each month, has continued to be a strong foundation for skill advancement. These gatherings have focused on Scout skills, rank requirements, and merit badge work. Recently, we completed requirements for Citizenship in the Society and Citizenship in the Nation. In addition, Scouts participated in a meaningful trip to Fort Donelson, which included a 5-mile hike in support of rank advancement and outdoor endurance.

Service has also been a key focus. Our unit hosted an Arrow Corps tree planting project, contributing to local environmental conservation and stewardship. This effort reflected our commitment to leaving a positive impact on our community and natural spaces. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue supporting environmental service through the upcoming Red River Clean-Up in July, where Scouts will once again come together to serve their community and protect local waterways.



WHAT IS A LEADER?

BY FORMER STAFF ADVISER, NICK TROGDON

Today, I'd like to talk a little about something that many of you may have experienced by now, whether through elected office, being the oldest sibling, or any number of many times arbitrary reasons, which is when you find yourself engaging with the concept of "leadership". I'm going to be extremely old and cliché and drop the Webster's definition of the word "leader", but I'm going to shake things up and compare a few of them since I find them to be, much like the experience itself, quite varied:

1. A person who leads
2. A person who has commanding authority or influence
3. Someone who guides another's way

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A LIFE REMEMBERED: MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATED

BY EDITOR, EPHRAIM RODENBACH

Under a gray Tennessee sky, members of the Cumberland River District and members of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge gathered at Boxwell Reservation on March 8 for a moment that blended reflection, service and legacy. In front of the OA Lodge, a newly completed memorial bench now stands — dedicated to the life and impact of Stacey W. Rodenbach.

The ceremony, held during Spring Summit, marked the culmination of a project that came together in just over a week. What began as an idea quickly turned into action, as volunteers worked to design, construct and install the bench in time for the weekend's events.

Positioned beside the lodge, the bench faces outward, inviting Scouts, leaders and visitors to pause. Its placement is intentional: a place of rest, reflection and quiet conversation, woven into the everyday rhythm of Scouting.

The dedication itself was simple and meaningful. Attendees gathered around the bench as words were shared about Stacey's life, his connection to Scouting and the lasting impression he leaves behind.

The inscription etched into the bench ensures that his name will remain part of Boxwell for years to come. But beyond the engraving, the true significance lies in how the bench will be used. It will host conversations after long days at camp, provide a resting place between activities and serve as a subtle but constant reminder of a life that continues to impact others.

Projects like this reflect a deeper principle within the Order of the Arrow and Scouting as a whole: that service is not just about building something physical, but about creating meaning that endures. In just a short time, a group of individuals came together not only to complete a project, but to honor a legacy in a way that will quietly shape experiences for future Scouts.



WHAT IS A LEADER ?

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The first definition is that a leader is someone who leads. The reason I included this blatantly obvious example is because I think it's important to acknowledge that a leader is not someone who inherently "is" a leader, it is the person who currently has the responsibility of leading. That means that anyone can be a leader, and many times the best leaders are those who want nothing to do with the position. One famous example of this is George Washington, who had no desire to lead a revolutionary army, but did so out of a sense of duty to his country and the ideals under which it sought to be founded.

This brings me to definition two, which is a leader being someone with authority. There's a quote by Plato which is "Only those who do not seek power are qualified to hold it". Leadership is not easy, it requires listening, compromising, communication, constant learning, relationship management, and so many other nuanced skills. It's extremely easy to just exert your authority if you have it, however it's quite another, much more difficult task to balance the attributes and goals of your team to accomplish greater outcomes through collaboration.

That brings us finally to definition three, which is in my opinion the truest definition of a leader, someone who guides another's way. A leader is someone who, when the job is said and done, has stepped into the background and allowed their team to accomplish their goals and feel responsible for doing so. Leading is guiding others without doing it for them, it's empowering them to navigate their own dreams, and doing so without threats or force. Leadership is not dictation, it is collaboration, it's creating space for your team to learn the skills they need in order to succeed, an environment in which everyone feels a sense of autonomy, responsibility, and respect.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

BY EDITOR, EPHRAIM RODENBACH

As this edition of the Flying Eagle comes to a close, I want to thank you for taking the time to read and stay connected with our lodge. Every event, service project and Induction Weekend is made possible by the dedication of Arrowmen who continue to live out the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

This issue highlights just a small part of the impact our members make across Wa-Hi-Nasa. Whether you are a new Arrowman finding your place in the lodge or a longtime member continuing to give back, your involvement helps strengthen our program and our friendships.

I encourage you to stay active, attend upcoming events and continue building the bonds that make the Order of the Arrow so special. Our lodge is strongest when we serve together.

Thank you again for reading, and I hope to see you at our next event. Until then, continue to lead through service and keep the spirit of the OA alive.

