



# Tecumseh Speaks

## Tecumseh Lodge

Order of the Arrow

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**Thunderbase 2018**  
**May 4 - 6, 2018**  
**Ross County Fairgrounds**

**C4-B Conclave 2018 - The Arrowmen Awaken**  
**June 1 – June 3 2018**  
**Chief Logan Scout Reservation**

Come join us at Thunderbase this year!

Tecumseh Lodge will be located in the Arena Building where we will be running 3 GaGa Ball Pits and two 9 Square In The Air Volley Ball Courts. The object is to teach Cubs and Scouts how to play these games and then let them have some fun.

We also will have a table set up for each Chapter where you can let your District members know what you are about and how they can get involved. This will also be a great opportunity to get more of your Chapter members involved so you can build your Chapter.

Remember, each Chapter has a budget of \$1.00 per registered member from 2017 with a minimum of \$50.00, which you can use to build your display. To see how much money your Chapter has available and to get approval for your expenditures, contact our Lodge Adviser, Aaron Wyckoff. You MUST get approval before you spend the money or you may not be reimbursed.

To attend Thunderbase you must register through the Council. You may already be registered, or be eligible to register through your Troop. If you are, you will sleep and eat with your Troop. If you need to register individually, you can do so on the Thunderbase website as an Event Volunteer for \$45.00, or if you do not plan on spending the night you can get a Day Pass for \$25.00. If you attend as an individual we can make sleeping arrangements in our building but cots will not be provided. Also as an Event Volunteer some of your meals may be provided, but not all so we suggest you bring food or money to purchase food from some of the vendors.

Prepare to travel to a galaxy far, far away for an exciting weekend of events. Grab your lightsaber and cruise down the intergalactic midway packed with activities and vendor displays. Compete against the storm troopers in camp activities such as swimming, shooting and climbing. OA activities such as regalia making, dance and ceremony competitions will take place. A crazy auction of cosmic proportions is scheduled for Saturday night.

Don't miss this opportunity to join us for an exciting action-packed weekend full of fun and fellowship. Tecumseh lodge will host arrowmen from other lodges in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia. The cost for the weekend is \$30 and pre-registration is now available.

### Spring Fellowship

The Spring Fellowship is rapidly approaching. The date is April 6-8, 2018. The place is Camp Falling Rock and the theme is "In the Order Jones and the Legend of Camp Falling Rock. Details are on Page 8. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Publication Dates for 2018

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October 14	November 1



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# Chiefly Speaking



Hello everyone. My name is Reese Sparks and I am excited to be your 2018 Lodge Chief. Scouting has been a huge part of my life and even though I have two jobs and attend college, I fully intend on devoting more than the necessary time it takes to help run this lodge. I never want anyone to feel they cannot contact me and to guarantee that doesn't

happen, I can always be reached at this email: Res375@yahoo.com.

This is a huge year for the lodge, filled to the brim with events and spectacular opportunities. First up we have our Spring Fellowship at Camp Falling Rock, overseen by our Vice Chief of Activities: Nick Hubbell. Attendance is already looking good. You do not want to miss it, trust me. Next we have Thunderbase 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds. This only happens every four years.

The first Ordeal/Brotherhood of the season follows closely behind and is at the Chief Logan Scout Reservation and will be the first of many great Ordeals.

Are you ready for Conclave 2018? I hope so because it comes closely after our first Ordeal and our lodge is the host lodge. I am really looking forward to this Conclave as I am a huge Star Wars nerd and the theme is...you guessed it, Star Wars! This will be held at the Chief Logan Scout Reservation and we are hosting. Hosting Conclave is a huge responsibility and usually happens once every five years or so. However, due to the merging of Sections C4A and C4B, it will be eight or nine years before we host it again.

The next big event is NOAC. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a huge gathering of Arrowmen from all over the country. More information can be found on the lodge website.

Now and in future articles, I want to finish with one of my favorite quotes: "If you always put limits on everything you do, physical or anything else, it will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaus, and you must not stay there. You must go beyond them" Bruce Lee.

**Reese Sparks**  
2018 Lodge Chief



## ADVICE

My Brothers,  
Another year is already upon us. We've already had our Lodge Leadership Development session and wrapped up 2017 with our Awards Banquet, both in

January. I would like to extend my congratulations to the 12 individuals who have been selected to receive the Vigil Honor this year. I also want to thank our two newest Founders Award recipients, Will Jones and Paul Post, for all of the incredible work they have done for the lodge over the past several years.

We have a very busy spring ahead of us. Please come join us at Thunderbase in May and the C-4B Section Conclave (hosted by us at Chief Logan Reservation) at the beginning of June. We're going to need plenty of help at both events. Be sure to check out the articles on both events in this newsletter.

If you've read (and remembered) my previous articles, I tend to harp on and on about coming out and helping at events. Part of that is we simply can't put on the quality program that we do without your help.

But it's much more than that. For many people, including myself, the Order of the Arrow is one of the best opportunities we have to meet and get to know people from outside our own troops.

To me, that's incredibly important. It lets me share stories and ideas with many scouts and scouters who have had some very different experiences in scouting. I can't tell you how many times I've taken ideas to my PLC that I picked up at an Ordeal weekend. They don't care for all of them, but we have used several, and we have a stronger troop because of it. Please come out when you get a chance so I can hear (and borrow) your ideas, too.

## Aaron Wyckoff

2018 Lodge Adviser

## Tecumseh Speaks

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# Chapter

# Chatter

## **Mwk'alaakwa Chapter**

(Darby Creek District)

Chapter Chief: Dan Iwamoto—614-980-4929—c13@tecumseh65.org  
Chapter Adviser Kevin Wildman c14@tecumseh65.org  
Chapter Meeting: First Thursday of each month at the Plain City Presbyterian Church.

Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of every month at the Presbyterian Church. They're from 7 to 8:30 PM. We hope to see you there. Contact our Chapter Chief or Adviser to sign up for the chapter newsletter.

## **Kaniengehaga Chapter**

(Licking District) <http://www.kaniengehaga.org>

Chapter Chief: Reese Sparks  
Co-Advisers – Ed Fuentes & Ryan Sparks – 740 817-4328 – 9@tecumseh65.org  
Chapter Meeting: 7:00PM the first and third Thursday of each month at Christ United Methodist Church in Newark Ohio

If anyone would ever like to attend one of our meetings, we meet every first and third Thursday of the month at the Christ United Methodist Church in Newark.



## **Katinonkwat Chapter**

(Tri-Creek District)

Chapter Chief: Ben Bratton, c7@tecumseh65.org  
Vice Chief: Nathan Larick  
Chapter Adviser: Steve Bratton (614-804-7514), c8@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Meetings: 7:00 PM on the First Tuesday of each month at Bishop Hartley High School located at 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus, OH 43227. All Arrowmen of Tri-Creek are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Chapter held a euchre tournament and pizza party last month and discussed ideas for upcoming activities. Our next meeting will be on February 6 and will include an update on OA troop elections, chapter elections, and a few games. A bowling social is planned for later in the month; check the Chapter's site listed below for more information.

We need your help with holding unit elections. Please reach out to the Chapter Chief if you are able to assist.

Be sure to visit our Chapter site at <https://katinonkwat.teamapp.com> to stay connected!

## **Maka Ina Chapter**

(Chief Logan District)

Chapter Chief- Joel Brown  
Vice Chief of Communications- Zachary Daft  
Vice Chief of Ceremonies- Justin Doss  
Vice Chief of Events- Jared and Kevin (Bud) Andrus  
Advisor- Barb Wasmer

Chapter Meetings: in Chillicothe on the 1st Tuesday of every month. See email or contact Barb for location.

We Conducted our chapter officer election in December. 2018 officers listed above. Big year for area with Thunder base, and the CLR Ordeal in May and Conclave in June. Hope to see you at upcoming meetings and Events! Congratulations Maka Ina. We made quality chapter!

**Visit the Lodge Website:**  
**[www.tecumseh65.org](http://www.tecumseh65.org)**

# 2018 Tecumseh Lodge Dues Form

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH PAYMENT TO:

Simon Kenton Council, BSA

807 Kinnear Rd

Columbus, OH 43212

Make all checks payable to Simon Kenton Council, BSA

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Boy Scout ID# \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT! This number is required to verify that you are registered with the Boy Scouts of America. We need this number to process your registration. This number is on the ID card you were given by your Troop, Team or Pack. If you cannot find this number contact your Scoutmaster or the Simon Kenton Council Office at (614)-436-7200 or (800)-433-4051 to get it.

Scout Registration \_\_\_\_\_  
District/OA Chapter Unit Type Number

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from above) Number and Street City State Zip

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code and Number

Ordeal Date \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vigil Honor Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If exact dates are unknown at least put in the year – Only use the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor spaces if applicable)

Status Type \_\_\_\_\_ (see chart below) Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please note the dues amounts below)

You may be an OA member only in the Lodge for the Council in which you maintain your BSA registration.

If you are not registered with the BSA you may still contribute to Tecumseh Lodge with no membership privileges.

Remember that your Boy Scouts of America registration must be current and we must have your Scout ID# for you to be a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Status Type and Dues Amounts:

1. Tecumseh Lodge members who paid their 2017 dues may renew by paying \$15.00.
2. Tecumseh Lodge members who are not current with their 2017 dues may reinstate their membership by paying \$20.00.
3. OA members transferring into Simon Kenton Council from another Council may do so by sending proof of current dues paid in the other Lodge and their Scout ID# along with \$15.00 to transfer into Tecumseh Lodge.
4. OA members transferring into Simon Kenton Council from another Council with their OA dues not being current may do so by sending proof of membership in the other Lodge and their Scout ID# along with or \$20.00 to transfer into Tecumseh Lodge.
5. Tecumseh Lodge members on ACTIVE DUTY with any United States Military Branch during the current year may maintain their paid dues status free of charge. (This does not apply to local duty in connection with the Reserves or National Guard)

## **Newa Hanna Chapter**

(Delaware District)

Chapter Chief: Ben Hart – bendhart2004@gmail.com  
Vice Chief of Administration: Brandon Hibbitts  
Vice Chief of Service & Activities: Need to fill.  
Chapter Secretary: Chris Swain  
Chapter email address: newahannachapter@gmail.com  
Chapter Adviser: Charles “Bill” Hammond - (614)266-5174 -  
cwhammond19@gmail.com  
Associate Adviser: Steve Champa - schampa@frontier.com  
OA Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM,  
Location of OA Meetings: LDS Church in Powell, 450 N Liberty,  
Powell, OH

Our meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the same location of the Delaware District Roundtable, unless the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday is on a holiday. Then it would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of that month at 7:00 pm. The location is at the LDS Church in Powell, 450 N Liberty, Powell, OH. All Newa Hanna Chapter (Delaware District) Arrowmen are invited to attend our monthly meetings and we need active members to start attending meetings if the chapter is going to be successful.

The next three future Newa Hanna Chapter OA Meetings are February 1, March 1 and April 5. We invite all to come and enjoy activities with your fellow OA Brothers.

We want to congratulate all Arrowmen who completed their Ordeal or Brotherhood in 2017. All Newa Hanna Chapter (Delaware District) Arrowmen are invited to attend our monthly meeting.

As a chapter we are conducting unit elections to welcome in new Arrowmen for 2018. We are currently working on unit elections and have some of the 18 unit elections scheduled and have completed 15, but are working with other units to finalize unit election dates before March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also working on training new members within the chapter and how to aide in elections.

Chapter election for new officers for 2018 was done at our January 4 chapter meeting. Ben Hart from Troop 428 is our new Chapter Chief, Brandon Hibbitts from Troop 387 is our new Vice Chief of Administration and Chris Swain from Troop 61 remained our Chapter Secretary. Still, have one position to fill for Vice Chief of Service & Activities and should have it filled at our February 1 chapter meeting, weather permitting.

We also would like to see as many Ordeal members get their Brotherhood in 2018 that have completed 10 months of service within OA. So, please get out and achieve this, when you have past your 10 months of service.

Also, if you have not paid your membership dues for 2018, please do so. If you have not paid your dues, you should not be wearing the sash or pocket patch indicating that you are an OA member, until the dues are paid. You can pay your dues online at <http://www.tecumseh65.org/>.

## **Chief Tarhe Chapter**

Chapter Chief: Bryon Lowry,  
Ritual Vice Chief: Jerry June  
Service Vice Chief: Keith McManaway  
Advisor: Larry Reams rhoodatjoe@gmail.com

Chief Tarhe Chapter conducted a well-run and well-received Fall Camporee at Camp Falling Rock October 13-15 with a Wilderness Survival theme. Scouts progressed with a buddy through a number of stations designed to both instruct a skill and test for knowledge. Once each skill or knowledge set was proven, Scouts had that requirement signed off by a Wilderness Survival Merit Badge counselor. Indeed, 12 Scouts both constructed and slept in shelters on Rocky Top Saturday night! In general Scouts appreciated being able to select which station to go to, the opportunity to take whatever time they needed to master a skill, and a less-rigid schedule that allowed for ample time to move between events. The campfire Saturday night was the first event ever held in the restored original 1920's-era Ceremony Ring at Falling Rock. As always, it is people who make the difference with their talents and skills. The following Brothers are to be thanked for their faithful and skillful Service: Rod Carr, Dave Dilyard, Mark Darnell, Jeff Mayne, Bryon Lowry, Asa Houchin, Josh Dilyard, Cole James, Anthony Hahn, Korbin Matson, new District Executive Jared Kerr, Shareeque Sadiq, and Larry Reams.

New officers for 2018 are Chief Jerry June, who successfully conducted the 2017 candidate election process as Ritual Vice Chief, and Cole James who is sharing his leadership talents as 2018 Ritual Vice Chief.

The 2018 Chapter High Adventure expedition will be in early July. There are still openings available as we do not have to make advance reservations with a BSA Natl. Base. Since we have scheduled our own experience there is flexibility as to numbers of participants and how late you can join. The cost is a bit over \$2K for 15 days that include the 75 mile Foothills Trail, 2 days and a night rafting the Chatooga River, 3 days camping on the beach at Cumberland Island, and experiences caving in WV, touring Biltmore mansion in NC, and experiencing the past and present at Jekyll Island. Contact Larry Reams for more details.

## **Mallsannuk Chapter**

(Arrowhead District)

Chapter Chief: Ryan Heighton - legup2875@gmail.com  
Chapter Advisor:

Congratulations to Ryan Heighton, our new Chapter Chief.  
Come out and help us re-build our Chapter!

## Tendeuchen Chapter

Tendeuchen Chapter Leadership team for 2017

Chapter Chief: ( Will Bartram)

Vice Chief of Administration: ( Jordy Mason

Vice Chief of Dance Team and Ceremonies: Ezekiel Atkinson

Vice Chief of Service/Activities: ( JJ Wayne

Secretary: Ryan Rigden

Adviser: Paul Post

### Chapter Meetings

Our Chapter meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, at Northwest Christian Church. Northwest Christian Church is at 1340 Fishinger Rd., 43221 in Upper Arlington.

Check website or our Facebook page for updates. [http://](http://tendeuchen.awardspace.com)

[tendeuchen.awardspace.com](http://tendeuchen.awardspace.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/332272416840588/>

(Tendeuchen Chapter OA)

## Weski Nimat Chapter

(Ohio Valley District)

Chapter Chief – Cory Faulk

Vice Chief – Mic Auteri

Secretary – TJ McNerlin

Treasurer – Will Finley

Adviser- Ron Fanska–850 529-6724 –rob\_fanska@hotmail.com

Congratulations to all Weski Nimat members on earning the quality chapter award for 2017! The next few months are a busy time for Weski Nimat with many exciting opportunities. Activities will include working on our Thunderbase display, making regalia, and planning our call out ceremony for Thunderbase. In addition, we will have a service project during the May meeting conducting “Are you smarter than a Tenderfoot” for the new scouts. We need as many attendees as possible to make these activities a success. Our meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Grove City on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Shawnee Chapter

(Tecumseh District)

Chapter Chief: Caleb Hammond

Chapter Adviser: Jeff Frisbee

Chapter Meeting: Shawnee Chapter Meets at District Activities at Camp Oyo. Please see our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shawnee65> page for the most up to date information about chapter meetings and any change to location if a location is not available or if we will meet in a special event location, “like a pool party”. All OA Members are encouraged and welcome to come to ALL events.

No Article.

## Elangomats

Elangomat Committee Chairman- Isaiah Hayes

Thank you for all of your support this season. At the Falling Rock ordeal we completed 400 hours of service to the camp. Next year I am going to be the Vice Chief of Administration, so we will need a new Elangomat Committee Chair if anyone is interested please let me know at [c21@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c21@tecumseh65.org). Thank you again and I hope to see you help us again next year.

**April 6-8 - Spring Fellowship @ Camp Falling Rock**

**May 4-6 - Thunderbase @ Ross County Fairgrounds**

**May 18-20 - Ordeal/Brotherhood @ Chief Logan Reservation**

**June 1-3 - C4B Section Conclave @ Chief Logan Reservation**

**July 20-22 - Ordeal/Brotherhood @Camp Oyo**

**July 30-August 4 - National Order of the Arrow Conference@ Indiana University**

**August 10-12 - Ordeal/Brotherhood @Camp Falling Rock**

**September 7-9 - Ordeal/Brotherhood @ Camp Lazarus**

**September ?? - Shooteree @ Camp Lazarus**

**October 12-14 - Fall Fellowship @ Chief Logan Reservation**

**November 2-4 - Area Leadership Training Conference @ Camp Lazarus**

# Spring Fellowship

April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Camp Falling Rock

**CALLING ALL ARROWMEN!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

The Legend of Camp Falling Rock is under attack from those who are trying to unlock its secrets!

## **IN THE ORDER JONES AND THE LEGEND OF ROCKY FORK**

The Camp is under siege by droves of invaders hoping to unleash the powers of the Legend!

Come join In-the-OA-Jones as together we battle the invaders and save the Legend of Camp Falling Rock from falling into their hands!

Create Crystals! Construct Fortresses! Unleash the Power of the OA!

Fight off the gamut of enemies waiting to thwart your every move!

We need your powerful survival and adventure skills to save the Legend from these dauntless invaders.

Join us on April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at Camp Falling Rock for a weekend filled with adventure, great food and fellowship!

In-the-OA-Jones will see you there!

Registration cost: \$25

**Early registration cost—\$20**

**Registration website:**

**Tecumseh Lodge 65** <http://www.tecumseh65.org/>

