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Friends,

Hope your spring is beginning to bloom with Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service! The Lodge has a very busy spring planned for our members, and we are excited for YOU to be apart of it. Please enjoy this edition of the newsletter, and we are excited to see you at upcoming events.

Yours in Service,

Phil Cox | 2026 Lodge Secretary

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September 11-12 : Oyo 100th Celebration – Camp Oyo

October 9-11 : Fall Fellowship – Camp Falling Rock

Pay your 2026 Lodge Dues [HERE](#)

Purchase the PANTHERPASS [HERE](#)



Gold Arrowman Award



We are excited to announce an award that is being offered to all our members. The Gold Arrowman is an award designed to recognize members that are active in the Lodge and promote the OA in their units. This award is designed to be earned during the course of one calendar year. First year recipients of this award will receive a unique lodge flap at our annual awards banquet. For those who earn it in subsequent years, you will receive a pin to add to the flap. In order to receive the Gold Arrowman award you need to complete the five requirements listed below, get them initialed, then sign and turn in the form.

Complete all five of the following requirements:

1. Attend one Training event- LLD or FORUM (circle completed item)
2. Do one of the Following (circle completed item) :
 - A. For Ordeal candidates (new members who take their Ordeal in 2023), complete your Ordeal and Serve at one other Ordeal (Elangomat, Kitchen, Ritual, Chairman or Officer/Adviser)
 - B. For Ordeal members who took their Ordeal prior to 2023, earn Brotherhood and serve at one other Ordeal (Elangomat, Kitchen, Ritual, Chairman or Officer/ Adviser)
 - C. For Brotherhood/Vigil Members Serve at two Ordeals as an Elangomat, Kitchen help, Ritual team member, Lodge Committee/Chairman or as a Lodge Officer/Adviser
3. Attend one Fellowship – Spring or Fall (circle completed item)
4. Discuss Opportunities Within the Lodge with an Officer/Adviser (list officer / adviser name and date)

5. Talk to your unit about the opportunities within the OA and encourage inactive members to attend a Lodge event (list unit and date)

6. Attended Chapter Event (Service / Fellowship) ***Regular meetings do not count.

Name: _____

Troop /Chapter: _____

Chiefly Speaking



Tecumseh Lodge,

What an incredible start to 2026. The energy, the dedication, and the momentum you've already shown make me unbelievably excited for what lies ahead. Now it's time to carry that spark into our next major event; Spring Fellowship, March 27–29 at Camp Lazarus.

This year's theme, Carnival Craze, is going to bring a weekend packed with carnival-style games, challenges, and fellowship experiences you won't want to miss. If you're aiming for the Gold Arrowman Award, remember that attending a fellowship is required, so this is your chance to start the year strong and set the tone for your journey.

I can't wait to see what each of you brings to the lodge this year. Your ideas, your service, and your passion are what make Tecumseh thrive. I truly hope to see our entire lodge come together at Spring Fellowship and show what we're capable of when we unite with purpose.

Our next LEC meeting will be held virtually on March 8th from 7–8 PM. Please come prepared with your reports submitted beforehand and ready to finalize plans for Spring Fellowship.

As we move forward, I want to remind everyone of the challenge I set at the start of the year:

Think about the lodge every day. Find one small way to strengthen it. And together, let's Reignite the Flame.

Yours in WWW,

Garrett Emond

2026 Tecumseh Lodge Chief

Advisor Talk



Hello Tecumseh Lodge Members,

We are off to a great start for 2026. LLD and the Banquet were a huge success. There were a lot of awards and recognition for everything we accomplished last year. I look forward to keeping that going forward to this year.

As you should have seen in an earlier email, there are a few significant changes to how we are going to administer the lodge from a Health & Safety and S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth perspective. These changes will help us to better conform to the guidelines provided by Scouting America to ensure that all activities adhere to the updated policies. The changes occur in the following areas: Participant Code of Conduct, Medical Form Administration, and Overnight Accommodations. First, a Code of Conduct will be used at each event. This document must be reviewed and signed by all attendees participating in Tecumseh Lodge activities. Second, the Annual Health and Medical Record will now be collected at each event during check-in. The form will be returned to each attendee during check-out from the event. Third, all overnight accommodations for participant level attendees (**under the age of 21**) will now be in tents. To comply with the updated S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth guidelines, this change is necessary. Special medical situations may be accommodated if planned in advance with the Lodge Advisor. Be sure to bring a tent to each event. As per the Code of Conduct, everyone must sleep in the designated areas only – this does NOT include a vehicle in the parking lot. Adult 21 and over may have designated cabin accommodations provided there is enough qualified supervision in the campsite(s). I thank you all for your understanding these changes and look forward to your support. If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Lodge Associate Advisors.

I also want to mention we are closing in of the deadline to register for the OA Service Corps (Operation Arrow) for the National Jamboree. Spots are filing up fast, so if you want to go, sign up soon. This is the Summer Fellowship for the lodge this year so if you are 16 years or older, let me know and I will get you the information to get signed up.

Finally, many of you are aware that there are changes coming to the Ordeal and Ceremonies in 2027. We have opportunities to observe and participate in the new process at the Section Induction Experience on August 21-23 hosting by Sipp-O Lodge at Camp Seven Ranges. We need as many of our induction team (Ceremonies and Elongomats) to be in attendance as possible. I just became aware of another weekend - June 5-7 that is in Ohio. More details will be available at Spring Fellowship.

Again, I look forward to a great year in 2026.

Your in Brotherhood,

Jon Santini, Jr.

Lodge Advisor

Carnival Craze Spring Fellowship!

March 27-29th, Camp Lazarus

Spring fellowship is just around the corner! Sign up to participate in a 'Craze' of fun March 27-29th at camp Lazarus. Our Carnival craze will be an opportunity to meet Arrowmen from all over the lodge to participate in food, fellowship, and lots of games! Everyone who signs up will be put into a drawing to win one of your Lodge Officers. Take good shoes with you for our Camp-wide Scavenger hunt, and don't forget your tent or hammock with some warm clothing at night. Don't wait! Sign up today to join the drawing and share in some crazy fun at Carnival Craze this Spring.

WWW,

Jac Greene, Vice
Chief of Activities



Ordeal Season Ahead!



Hello Arrowmen! Planning for this ordeal season is well underway, and it is going to be a FUN one, to say the least! As you may remember from last year, we would open our weekend with Friday night fellowship between members, elangomats, and all candidates. This year, I want to bring that back even BETTER than last year. That being said, I want to hear YOUR thoughts on what you want to see! What do you think would be fun? What do you think will help bond candidates and elangomats? What are some activities that represent what we do in Tecumseh Lodge? With your help, I believe that we can make the best of the ordeal process and not only welcome new members but also encourage them to stay.

With all that being said, the admin team is looking for Ordeal staff for the 2026 Ordeal Season! You can help strengthen our Brotherhood program by serving as a Brotherhood Scribe, Representative, or Vice-Chair, mentoring candidates and helping run the program. You can become an Elangomat, serving as a mentor and friend to a small group of Ordeal candidates as they complete their journey into the Order. Or you can join the Ceremonies Committee, helping bring the traditions and values of the OA to life through meaningful ceremonies. No matter which role you choose, you'll build leadership skills, create lasting friendships, and help shape the future of our lodge. If you're ready to step up and make a difference, we'd love to have you on the team!

Contact:
Jack Bell,

Conclave 2026: BODACIOUS BEACH PARTY !!



Registration for Conclave 2026 is now open!

Please join us May 15–17, 2026, at Camp Arrowhead (506 Scout Camp Rd, Ona, WV 25545). The Council of Chiefs is busy planning an outstanding event for you. Our theme is *Bodacious Beach Party. Together, we will enjoy groovy gatherings, totally tubular trainings, and, best of all, experience the brotherhood of our Section.*

Additionally, I would like to remind everyone that the first 100 members to register will receive our limited-edition “Early Registration” trader patch. Currently we have 57 people registered! Will you be within the first 100?

Love name tags? Each week, we will randomly select 10 individuals who register for Conclave between Sunday at 12:00 AM and the following Saturday at 11:59 PM to receive a special magnetic E13 logo name tag featuring their name and lodge, in addition to their Conclave nametag. This giveaway will continue until April 25 at 11:59 PM!

Register today at (<https://registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1338>). If you have any questions, please email me at btillman@oa-e13.org and CC Section Adviser Terri Andrews at tandrews@oa-e13.org.

I truly cannot wait to see you all this May!
Yours in WWW,
Bryson Tillman
E13 Section Chief

2026 Unit Election Season

Arrowmen of Tecumseh Lodge,

As we near the end of our annual election season, I want to take a moment to do some brief housekeeping. As it stands, we have 25 units that are not yet marked as having scheduled an election/visitation. This list is below, and if you are in these units or if you know someone in these units, please urge them to reach out and schedule their election with local chapter leadership ASAP.

Troops 33, 61, 73, 96, 111, 249, 262, 268, 295, 310, 318, 376, 526, 622, 700, 820, 5014, 5316, 6043, 7086, 7165, 7318, 7752, 8165, and 8633.

Additionally, I wanted to provide an update as to our chapters' progress towards earning the Quality Chapter Award.

- Hold elections/visitations for 90% of participating units.
Ahsenike: 98%
Kishahtek: 68%
Kittan Wewoapisak: 74%
Pilsit Alunsa: 74%
- Plan and execute two chapter fellowship activities.
Ahsenike: 0/2
Kishahtek: 0/2
Kittan Wewoapisak: 0/2
Pilsit Alunsa: 1/2
- Plan and execute two chapter service activities.
Ahsenike: 0/2
Kishahtek: 0/2
Kittan Wewoapisak: 0/2
Pilsit Alunsa: 1/2
- Participate in all but one Tecumseh Speaks newsletters.
Ahsenike: 1/1
Kishahtek: 1/1
Kittan Wewoapisak: 1/1
Pilsit Alunsa: 1/1

AND

- 100 service hours at chapter events

Ahsenike: 0/100
Kishahtek: 0/100
Kittan Wewoapisak: 0/100
Pilsit Alunsa: 17/100

OR

- Chapter leadership attends two district roundtable events
Ahsenike: 0/2
Kishahtek: 0/2
Kittan Wewoapisak: 0/2
Pilsit Alunsa: 1/2

I want to give a special thank you to those of you who have run an election, attended a chapter event, or generally contributed to the chapters' success thus far. Your efforts are what keep our lodge thriving!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Baden Wagoner
Vice Chief of Chapters



Chapter

Chatter

Kishahtek elections are 80% complete, we have about 4 or 5 carrying over into March. Out elections have already produced over 50 new eligible members. Units, 376, 7318, 61,111, 310,318,700,249, and 7701 have not responded for elections. If you know someone in those units please help them get in contact with us!

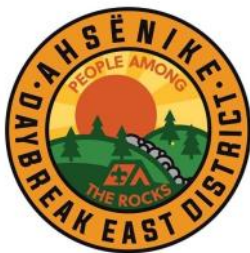


We'll also be scheduling some spring meetings soon, so make sure to join the GroupMe chat if you haven't already. The GroupMe chat can be found here: https://groupme.com/join_group/70582952/o2BuXl6O

Yours in Brotherhood,

Grace B.

2026 Kishahtek Chapter Chief



Since the last newsletter, members of Ahsenike met for a round of Glow Putt at Glow Putt LLC and Vanessa Gonzalez was appointed as chapter vice chief. As the unit election season concludes we are glad to share that we visited 51% of units in our district. We elected 91 youth and 11 adult nominations have been approved so far. Our next chapter meeting will be at spring fellowship where we will plan events for the year. Join our Chapter BAND Chat [HERE](#)

Sincerely,

Ben B.

2026 Ahsenike Chapter Chief

Chapter

Chatter



Units 33, 268, 295, 262, 7752, 73, 96, 526, 622, 820, and 7086 have not responded for elections. If you know someone in those units please help them get in contact with us!

[GroupMe Link](#)

WWW,

Tate F.

2026 Pilsit Alunsa Chapter Chief

Hello Fellow Members,

As many of us know by now, we have lost a special Arrow man, Barb Jean Wasmer served the for the last thirty plus years to many scouts and scouters. As I was at her memorial service, I personally was remembering the many memories I had along with the others were having. She didn't desire any recognition, but with the continued service she provided, it came. It was at this time that a thought came to my mind:

As members of the Order of the Arrow, we are to strive to serve Scouting BSA, our communities, nation , and our world. She served cub scouts and troops carefully following the Scout Oath and Law. May we with the same mind and desire, follow the example that had been established.

The Kittan Wewoapisak Chapter is eagerly looking for the upcoming ordeal and camping season. In December, we had a fellowship event at Camp OYO with 5 present. Our service project was cleaning out the cave which looked much cleaner. Units 5014, 5316, 6043, 7165, and 8165 have not responded for elections. If you know someone in those units please help them get in contact with us!



Join our Facebook group [HERE](#)

Yours in Brotherhood,

Terry Barr, Associate Advisor

History Corner

Did you know Tecumseh Lodge has a History book? Find the first edition on our website Tecumseh65.org we are still collection lots of information to add to the second edition of the book. If you have any of the following information feel free to email me at Phillipdcox672@gmail.com you can also meet me at the Spring fellowship with items I can scan to create digital copies.

In Search of:

- Tecumseh Lodge Planbooks and Newsletters from 1996-2005
- Tecumseh Lodge Pictures from 1996-2010
- Tecumseh Lodge signage and ceremony regalia
- Tecumseh Lodge Apparel from 1996– 2015
- Tecumseh Lodge Chapter memorabilia from 1996– 2021
- Information about Fellowships from 1996-2009, and 2015
- Information about momentum 2020
- Information and pictures from Conclave 1998 at CFR, and 2005, at Camp Lazarus
- Information and pictures from the Quad West Pow Wow 1999
- Information and pictures from Indian Summer 2003
- Information and pictures from NOAC's 1996– 2012
- Information and pictures from Chapter ran Ordeals
- Planbooks and Pictures from Shawnee Lodge 109
- Planbooks and Pictures from Kaniengehaga Lodge 420
- Planbooks and Pictures from Maka Ina Lodge 350
- Planbooks and Pictures from Nendawaen Lodge 618





TECUMSEH LODGE #65

ORDER OF THE ARROW

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that all Lodge events are safe and provide an environment for fun and participation. This Code of Conduct must be signed by each Program Participant (under the age of 21) and all Registered Adults (21 year of age and older). Any violation of this code will subject the signee/attendee to possible removal from lodge events or in extreme cases being reported to the Council. Any exception to these guidelines must be approved by an Adult Lodge Advisor.

1. At all times, the Lodge Member will live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, the Order of the Arrow Obligation and show Scout Spirit.
2. All Lodge Members will follow Safeguarding Youth guidelines, Guide to Safe Scouting policies, and rules of the camp being attended.
3. Scouting America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances (including marijuana) at Scouting encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by Scouting America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, and electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate smoking.
4. All Program Participants are not to leave the event premises without proper notification to the Adult Lodge Advisors. Lodge Members must sign out when leaving the event using the early sign out sheet provided. Event specific errands will be conducted by Adult Lodge Advisors or an assigned Registered Adult.
5. Attendance in Lodge event programs is mandatory: meals, flags, programs, inter-faith worship. All Lodge members are expected to be at provided programs unless excused by an Adult Lodge Advisor.
6. All Lodge Members must camp in the clearly assigned camping areas they have been designated to regardless of cabin, tent or hammock camping.
7. All Lodge Members will observe posted curfews of the event per the Camp and Program guidelines.

By signing this document, you have read and agreed to the above listed guidelines. Any questions regarding these guidelines can be directed to the Lodge Chief Adviser, or the Vice Chief of Administration Adviser. All participants under the age of 18 must have a parent co-sign this agreement to acknowledge they understand this Code of Conduct. If a parent cannot co-sign at the time of the event, an Adult Lodge Advisor shall verbally review the Code of Conduct with the under 18 participant to ensure understanding and will sign in lieu of the parent.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent (Adult Lodge Advisor if parent unavailable) if participant is under the age of 18.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

2026 National Jamboree – OS Service Corps

Tecumseh Lodge Summer Fellowship

July 19-31, 2026



You now have 2 opportunities to go to the 2026 National Jamboree!

If you would like to go with the Council Contingent, there are spots still available. Visit <https://skcscouts.org/camps/national-jamboree/> for more on the Council Contingents (Fee is \$2100 per person).

You can also attend to work with the OA Operation Arrow at the Jamboree. Operation Arrow is looking for youth and adult members (**must be at least 16 years old**) to serve in various roles – most critical is the OA Service Corps, providing support to complement Jamboree program staff and other critical operations. There is available free time to also enjoy the programs at the Jamboree, so it is not all work with no play! Visit <https://jamboree.scouting.org/> to register to work with the OA Service Corps (Fee \$650 for members 16-29 years old, \$1060 for adults 30 and over – options exist for only half sessions if the full 2 weeks are not possible).

Tecumseh Lodge will be using Operation Arrow as our Summer Fellowship for 2026. It has already been worked out with the National OA Committee that we will be able to stay as a lodge group and work together for most of the projects and service. We just need to report everyone who is signed up and part of the Tecumseh Lodge group. The committee thought it was a great idea to do this as a lodge, so we may be starting a new trend! Sign up and come join your friends at the Jamboree in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service!

Transportation will be worked out through the lodge, and we will also have contingent swag similar to what we do for NOAC. Each member going with get contingent specific merchandise (t-shirt, patches, etc.). We will also be putting out trader patches to raise the money for transportation and swag, so your only expense will be the national fee. Let's try to get 20 or more signed up!

About Operation Arrow:

For over 75 years, the Order of the Arrow has been an integral part of the National Jamboree experience. Join over 300 Arrowmen from across the nation and abroad next summer as we provide critical service and program support to the 2026 National Jamboree!

- The OA Service Corps, our traditional service-oriented team supporting jamboree operations since 1950, is a great way to serve and see many different aspects of the jamboree. Members of the Service Corps will be assigned chapters, supporting contingent arrival, assisting with jamboree staffing, jamboree show mobilization and more.
- The OA Summit Circle Experience will bring our national ceremony site to life for the benefit of Jamboree participants and staff.